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Woodruff, Wilford, 1807-1898

Journals and papers, 1828-1898

Collection contains journals, correspondence, and other papers. Includes information about Joseph Smith; development of the Church in Kirtland, Ohio; Missouri; and Nauvoo, Illinois; temple work; Kirtland, Nauvoo, Salt Lake, St. George, Logan, and Manti Temples; missionary work; Zion's Camp; the Mormon Battalion and Mormon involvement in California; overland travel and English

immigration; interactions with Indians; colonization of Utah and surrounding states; Utah and national politics; Utah statehood attempts; the Reformation; Utah War; Mountain Meadows Massacre; social, agricultural, and civic matters in Utah; Mormon historiography; plural marriage and the Underground; and Woodruff's personal financial and family affairs.

Early journals focus on Woodruff's missionary travels in Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky (with Warren Parrish and David W. Patten), New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, and England; events in Kirtland, Nauvoo, and Winter Quarters; and westward movement. Subsequent journals focus on events in Utah, and Woodruff's activities in the Council of the Twelve and as Church president; and include information about cooperative movements, united orders, the School of the Prophets, Church businesses, and Church colonies in Canada and Mexico. Of note are Woodruff's journal accounts of sermons given by Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, and other Church leaders. Woodruff's death and funeral services were recorded by his secretary, L. John Nuttall.

Correspondence includes letters received during Woodruff's presidencies of the British Mission (1845-1847) and the

Eastern States Mission (1848-1850), and as assistant Church historian beginning in 1856. Among those with whom Woodruff corresponded were Brigham Young, John Taylor, George A. Smith, Parley P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, Orson Hyde, Erastus Snow, Amasa M. Lyman, Franklin D. Richards, Ezra T. Benson, George Q. Cannon, Jedediah M. Grant, Thomas L. Kane, John M. Bernhisel, Almon W. Babbitt, W. W. Phelps, Hiram Kimball, Samuel Brannan, Alexander Badlam, Orson Spencer, Dan Jones, Reuben Hedlock, Elisha H. Davis, J. W. Cummings, Eli B. Kelsey, Willard Snow, William I. Appleby, James A. Stratton, Nathaniel H. Felt, Elijah Fordham, Milo Andrus, Horace S. Eldredge, Leonard W. Hardy, Abraham O. Smoot, Philo Dibble, William Clayton, David Candland, James Ferguson, Hiram B. Clawson, Joseph Russell, John Benbow, James M. Monroe, George P. Dykes, Edward Partridge Jr., Lucius N. Scovil, Phillip M. Westwood, Chandler Holbrook, and Alden M. Jackson.

Letters of note are from John Whitmer in Kirtland, Ohio; two letters from Thomas B. Marsh in Far West, Missouri, one of which is notice of Woodruff's call as an apostle; and letter from Orson Hyde in Kanesville, Iowa, about Oliver Cowdery.

Wilford Woodruff was born 1 March 1807 in Farmington, Connecticut, to Aphek and Beulah Thompson Woodruff. He was baptized on 31 December 1833, married Phebe (Phoebe) W. Carter in 1837, and became a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in 1839. He traveled widely in America and Great Britain as a missionary; served in political, civic and business positions in Utah; and was intimately involved in historical endeavors, serving as both assistant Church historian and Church historian. He succeeded John Taylor as Church president in 1887. Woodruff died in San Francisco, California, 2 September 1898.

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January 1st 1841,

to

December 31. 1842.

WILLFORD WOODRUFF'S

DAILY JOURNAL

AND

TRAVELS IN THE MINISTRY

IN

1841

Book of Mormon entered at Stationers Hall by H Kimball & W Woodruff in the name of Joseph Smith Jr left 5 Copies paid 3/ on the 4th day of Feb Bot on the 15 day of Oct 1841 the records 1841 were searched by E H Davis & it could not be found it seems the Clark is guilt of abscond of trust

JAN^y 1st 1841

I find myself this New Years morning in company with Elder H. C. Kimball at No 40 Ironmonger Row Saint Lukes LONDON The Metropolis of England, the largest Commercial City in the world Population 1600 000: We are enjoying good health & spirits & I received a letter from Elder W. Glover I Celebrated this new years Day by Baptizing two persons in a bath at Tabernacle Square, We dined at Doctor Copelands, we read a letter sent to Elder Richards from his friends in Mass, The Church of Latter Day Saints Numbers this day in London 21. My prayer to God is that as his blessings have been great unto me & my Brethren in the ministry during 1840 in giving us many Souls as Seals of our ministry that his blessings may be multiplied unto us throughout O God the Eternal Father I ask thee in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ to Spare the lives health strength & peace of my wife & child & those of my Brethren the Twelve, & that we may again return to the bosom of our families & be enabled to Comfort their hearts, may we also be blessed with many Souls as Seals of our ministry, Cloth us O Lord with thy wisdom, Strength mind & Spirit, in all our Counsils, make us of one heart & mind in all things, Cloth thy Servant Joseph & his Councellors with thy Power mind & will, Enable them to esstablish Zion & her Stakes for a refuge to the poor & the meek of the Earth, Let thy power O Lord be manifest among the Lamanites that they may be gin to blossom as the rose, Hasten the return of Judah & Lord to Jerusalem that they may again speedily rebuild the City of their Fathers, Remember the outcast of Israel, that their Prophets come in remembrance before the O Lord hasten their return also, O God give ear to the cry of the widow & the tear of the orphan & avenge the innocent Blood of their fathers upon the head of their murderers & oppressors, Cause the Gentiles to fear O Lord because of thy mighty works among thy Saints Cloth thine Elders & Priests with greater Power in administering the word of God. Hasten the Signs &

the heavens & Earth or the coming of the Son of Man, & may thy will be done on earth in all things as it is done in heaven. I ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ - Amen.

Jan 2nd 1841

Jan 2d I received a letter from Elder G A. Smith
we had a heavy Thunder-storm at night-
3d Sunday There was a hard tempest this
morning attended with much thunder & light-
ning it damaged some of the Churches in the
City of London we Preached in the Academy
Communed with the Saints, Confirmed 2 &
preached again in the evening & had a good time
took tea with Mr. Album, & Spencer. There is
quite a stir in the Independant Church, where
I preach a last Sabbath evening most of
the Committy & in No are believeing & a prospect
of their being baptized, while others are much
stired up & opposed. O God roll on thy work in
this City I Pray & open doors unto thy Servants
nts that we may preach to the people, that they
may be warned & left without excose when
thy judgments come, I lade on hands upon Sister
Cleary an who was sick I mila

4th I received 2 letters from Mercy & Snow
& John Mowley I spent the day in writing
I wrote a peace upon the departure of 1840
in my Journal of 1840 & I wrote a few lines
in a letter of Elder Kimballs to his wife Dated Nauvoo
I corrected a mistake to the Editors of the Times
about the expent of St Pauls Cathedral, I said a
few words to Sister Kimballs Phebe
5th A hard Snow Storm, I called at No 46
Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square & saw Mr.
Fillippo Pistrucci An Italian & took a Second
Siting for my Portrait, returned home & attended
meeting in the evening, I red an account of
report of Mr. Mark Hare before the House of Commons
stating that there went into 14 of the principal

gin shops in London during one week 1492 000
men, 104 000 women & 18,000 children
Total 264,000, which esstablishmans ar the
resort of multitudes of wretched & emancipated beings
& their is upwards of 5000 of these houses in the
City of London alone, which ar licensed to sell intox
icating liqeors, "The actual cost of intoxicating
liqeors in England including their manufacture & the
duties paid upon them is upwards of Fifty Millions
Sterling annually, To this large sum may be added
Fifty Millions more, arising from the effects, It
is reported to be 80 000 Prostitutes in the Metropolis
It is also stated upon correct Data that there is
not less than 600.000 drunkards male & female in the
united Empire & that out of this number 60 000 die
annually, or 137 daily ((See St Luke 21ch 34. 35v))
This is truly a drunken generation, that will not
understand the day of their visitation,
I Also read in the British And Foreign Temperance
Intelligencer Printed in London. Mr. J S Buckingham
Address, To the members of the Temperance Societies
throughout the United Kingdom, upon the Subject of his
three years tour which he has just taken throughout
the united States of America, with the following
Motto Temperance = Education = Benevolence & Peace.
& had delivered leetures in almost evry City & large
town in America, I found this address interesting
& I herd the same delivered from Mr Buckingham's
own mouth before a large audiance assembled in a
Theater in Wilton Street London on the 2d of Dec 1840
Mr J S Buckingham is one of the greatest Travellers
of the last He has published his travels through India
Egypt & Palestine & many other parts of the world
which are quite interesting.
I wrote two letters to John Griffiths & John Rowlet
I wrote 2 letters to Edward Oakey Wm
Pitt, We took a walk in the evening with Mr
Spencers, Passed through Shoreditch Albion
& Spittlefield Church, & White Chapel & went
to London Dock, To hold a meeting to Mr. Spencers
house, there was only Six of us all & 5 were
preachers one by the name of Canon was full

of wickedadness hypocracy &c I rejoiced at
our testiment & opposed the work, in fact was
Cannot go to teach in the City of Nauvoo but
what the Devil comes also to oppose us this
accounts for my dreams about Serpents, I
returned home fell asleep & again dreamed
of vast Serpents both dead & alive Some were of
Antique turned into Stone, & many were alive about
20 foot long & Pitched at me like Draygons & I
fled from them. & arose into the air & sailed a great
distance with the greatest ease & delight singing
Victory, I also saw large fruit tasted of it & it was
good & aman tried to set his dog on me, but he soon
repented of his conduct. On the night of the
forth I dreamed of seeing my wife & child, I had
a happy interview with them, I trust I shall
soon hear from them at least thinks

17th Sat I wrote 8 letters to W Player -
C A Smith & W Whittaker
Elder Kimball got 6 letters & I received
one from Phebe Nov 2d Br Kimble got
one from his wife & one from Robert B.
Thompson, & C A Smith one from Mr.
Bigler Nov 13th It was truly a feast
to once more hear from our friends, Phebe
wishes me to come home as soon as it is the
will of God, & I dont wonder at it for
considering all things she has borne in my
absence like a good soldier, I met the Lord bless
her & willford owen I prest & hasten me to
their embrace, DREAM I fell asleep soon
found myself in the wilderness of wild pair trees
which were bending with wild pairs which were
the most beautiful of all fruit I ever saw
I tasted of it & found it delicious, & while I was
gazing with wonder & admiration upon it ever
pair instantly turned into a nice fat dressed sheep
hung on the limbs head downwards I awoke
& the spirit said this is a token of fruit among
the Lamanites

9th ☐ I received one letter from Br Griffiths
Elder Kimball 2, one from Elder Young
who informed us that the two Brethren
who went from Longton Lancashire to Nauvoo
to spy out the land had returned & was strong
in the faith, This is the coldest day & night that
London has seen for two winters & it is
also so smoky I cannot see but few yds
but as smoky & cold as it is we went to
the Tabernacle Square & I Baptized Susanna
Albun a daughter of an Independant preach.
Elder Young Sells 600 Books of Mormon are
out of Press & in the binding, we also Con
firmed Sister Albun 2 miles

to Mrs Watkins
10th ☐ I wrote 3 letters to Lorenzo Snow &
John Cheese, I received 2 letters from Johnson
& Br Griffiths, I walked to Grace Church Street
with Elder Kimball he took the Omnibus & rode
to Woolwich to hold a meeting & I attend a
the meeting in London, I returned home & spent
the night alone 5 miles

11th Sunday I met with the Saints in the morning at
our room, & at 2 o'clock at the Accadem & I had a full
house, I preached to the people broke bread to the Saints
& Blessed 2 children, & During the meeting Sister
Ellen Balfour Redman entered the room & presented me
a letter of Recommendation from under the hands of
Elder Lucian R Foster; Presiding Elder in the City of
New York, I was truly astonished to see her in the City of
London, I saw her in the City of New York the night
before I set Sail for Liverpool, The life & history of Sister
Redman is truly interesting. She is a Scotch Lady of the
first rank & Education, She formerly thught the Language
French Italic, & music in the families of some of the first
Lords in London, but afterwards moved to New York & there
embraced the Gospel ✓✓✓✓ She was sick nigh unto
death with the Liver Complaint, & she was advised by her
friends to take a Sea voyage in order to save her life, an
English Gentleman came forward & gave her $300. Dollars
for the voyage, She was a widow & had 3 children, & as

the wat was open she concluded to undertake it
she called for the Elders of the Church, & Elder S.
Blakesley prayed with her & anointed her with oil
& she was carried on board of the Ship with her
three children, No sooner than they hoisted sail & put
to sea it seemed as though all the Elements were
ingaged to destroye her, so rough a voyage the Capt
never knew, in his life, they had 36 days voyage
& 12 hours fair weather, for 15 nights in succession
it was one continual flash of thunder & lightning the
ship lay upon her side & drove under bare poles clear
to the Cape of Good Hope neer all on board were
sick & expected to be lost—except Sister Medman She
was immediately restored to health, & not sick at
all, the hatchways of the cabins were fastened down
& the passengers in the steerage suffered much their
provisions were destroyed by water for they were in
water most constantly, the seas broke through the
skylights & constantly poured in upon them; but she
landed in London dock safe no lives lost—except the
jumped overboard in the storme he said & (Cook
little before he wanted to get away from the
devils that were on the Ship Sister Medman thinks
it is the hand of God to bring her to London to help
roll on the work of God in this City. She has tried
to find us many days, but no one would tell
her. On Saturday night She dreamed if she would
go to Goswell Road She would see two woman
& if she followed them it would lead her to the place
of meeting. She did so & herd my voice while
I was speaking & came into meeting & communed
with us It was a joyful meeting indeed, She
had a vision a few nights since of being called before
her Majesty, the Queen Victoria & confined in
London Tower because of her religion. After meet
ing Sister Medman took some refreshment with me
& attended meeting with me in the evening & I accom
panied her home to her family, which was at
24 Alderman Bury I saw her Children. (I red her
some of My wife's letters she was much pleased
with them,) Sister Medman has traveled the world
much She has traversed the East Indies, & other
parts of the world, has been Ship wrecked several
times, taken once by the Indians once by pirates

she is firm & unmoved Jan 14th 1841 in the great cause in which she is ingaged. My Prayer is that Peace health & Strength may rest upon her & her children & may the Lord make her useful, O Lord work by whom thou will for work & send by whom thou will for send, that thy cause may roll on in this city & to thee O Lord shall be all the glory. Mr Albon informed the people he should soon be a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints & wished others to join

14th Five year ago this day I set my foot upon the dock at Liverpool, & I am now in the city of London & may the Lord bless my labours while I am here

I wrote 4 letters to J. Blakesley & H. Clark. to - G A Smith, & to O Pratt & N Wedlock I received a letter from Mr Wedlock. A man calling himself an Africican has been jumping off the Iron Bridge almost every day for a month into the river Thames or rather he dives he goes head first in to the water for the distance of 140 feet he does this for the diversion of the citizens of London & to get money he also suspends himself on a scaffold with ropes to play tricks this day at two oclock while playing his tricks before a crouded multitude the rope slipped & caught him aroung the neck & hung him handsomly & when they cut the rope he was dead. So the citizens of London will have to seek for fun some other way, He said his father & Brother killed themselves jumping at the falls of Niagara. I spent the evening with Doctor Copeland & Mr Albon I received a letter from Wm Pitt 12th I received one letter from Amison & G A Smith I wrote a letter to B Young, & one to G A Smith

Elder Kimball returned from Woolwich bringing 4 persons with him to Be Baptized, he preached on Sunday for the first time in that place & those persons offered themselves for Baptism & he walked up Down the River Thames until 9 o'clock but could not get into the River because of the mud & ice & so they all came up to London to day to be Baptized we immediately repaired to our private Bath in Tabernacle Square & Elder Kimble Baptized 5 persons the last one was Doctor William Copeland we truly had an interesting time & felt to thank

To see the cloud begin to break for we had
Jan 13th 1841
struggled hard to do a little. We then repair
ed to our room & attended to the ordinance
of Confirmation, & we had an interesting time
the Spirit & power of God rested upon us while
we Confirmed 5. We met in Prayer meeting
at 6 o'clock had an interesting time I called on
Mr. Albums had an interesting conversation with
him & family until 12 oclock & returned home to
rest Sister Redman was at the meeting. 3 im.

13th I received a letter from PHEBE Dated
N.Y. Dec 6th 1840 Strange things happen
in the last days, I was no little shocked & surpris
to received a letter from her Dated in N.Y. She
informed me that F.F. Carter & L. Seamans
had visited her & wished her to accompany them
home & spend the winter at her Fathers House
& accompany me home to the west in the spring
which invitation she excepted which according
for her being in the city of N.Y. May the Lord bless
her & give her an agreeable visit with her friends
& give her with willford health & strength faith &
grace according to their Day in all things, & hasten
the Hour when we may once more greet each other
& ever be supported to do the will of God in all
things untill our work is finished on Earth, &
then may we reign together in the Celestial
Kingdom of our God which Blessings I ask God
the Eternal Father in the name of Jesus Christ
to grant & seal unto us this Blessing
I walked to Mr. Pistrucci, to take a sitting but
returned without it

I had Commenced a long letter to Phebe & wrote
a few lines when I received her last letter which came
to hand this morning & as she had not received any
letter from me since the one Dated July 4th I Commenced
& copied from my Journal from July 4th 1840 to
Jan 13th 1841 an account of all letters I sent her & all
friends in America. & all i had received, & all things
which I sent her, & spoke of a great variety of things
& affairs, & wished her to write & Direct to London
I mailed it on the 14th at Phillipps No 3. George Yard
Lombard Street, Sister Redman & Br Kimball wrote

Some in the Letter to my wife

Jan. 17th 1841

14th I spent the Day in writing in Phebes letter attended meeting at night, Sister Redman was present

15th I spent the Day in writing in the evening we went to the Bath & Baptized 3, members of Br Morgans houshold & confirmed them Elder Bay.d then Mrs Sanfiovanni made both of us a present of a nice Silk Handkerchief She feels bad because her husband will not let her be baptized, Elder Winth all received 5 letters containing some tales of Sorrow (2 & 4) We dined a Supper of Sprats with Sister Morgan they were small fish 2 Inches long & I fell a sleep & dreamed of Catching fish, many large ones with my hands, I thought I told my Dream to a man who was putting up a gate post & he told me the interpretation was for me to make hast & Baptize as many as I could in London, & organize & Set in order the Church. Seal up my testimony in the City & return home in the Spring.

16th I Spent the Day in writing & I received a letter from Elder Daniel Browett containing £1. wishing me to call & visit him before he left For American as he is going the first of Feb. Elder Winthall left London & went to Woolwich to Preach on the Sabbath

17th Sunday I met the Saints at our Sitting Room in the morning, & had an interesting & Spiritual time, I broke bread unto the Saints, in the afternoon & the Word was with us & we had a good time I preached again in the evening had a full house many new hearers Seven offered themselves for Baptism after meeting, there was 9 added to the church in London During the last week, we have struggled hard in London to get the work Started & to do a little but the cloud begins to break & the work begins to roll on & the Lord will speedily do a great work in this City,

19th I Elder Kimball received 4 letters Jan 18th 1841 one from Elder Young who wishes us to be ready to set sail the forepart of April, I mailed the letter which I wrote to Phebe I wrote two letters one to Daniel Browett one to H. Glover. I received a letter from Elder Holmes 19th I wrote one letter to Wm Pitt Elder Kimball returned to London we held a prayer meeting I received a letter from Elder Watts

20th  I took my last sitting for my Portrait with Mr. Pistrucci He says it is an exact likeness & says it is more exact than those which he has 10. guineas for in consequence of my sitting longer than others I paid him £2.10 about $12 Dollars, He wished me to call upon him, while I was in London & write to him after I arrived in America & if ever return to London to be sure & give him a call Mon

21st I called upon Br Biggs from thence to Mrs Martha Johnsons residing in the Chapel in Hare Street, Hackney Road, She wished me to hold meetings in the Chapel, Among other things She informed me, That Mr. Rees Thomas Price Died in Pennsylvania North America & left all of his Property to the amount of about £16000 to the oldest & nearest of the family, & that it has fallen to her Martha Price who has married Edward Johnson, She was living in Antici Llanvill Parish Montgomeryshire North Wales, But she had not had any friend as yet to assist her to get it I returned home, & read the 4th No of the Star I then called upon Doctor Copeland. Supped with him & Preached in the evening at our room Elder Kimball was sick nor able to attend 4 Sis. Com.

22d I Received a letter from Elder Hawkins & I wrote one letter to Elder H. Holmes Elder Kimball took his last sitting for his Portrait Elder Hawkins letter contained a post office order for £1. pound for Elder Wm Pitt

23d I wrote a letter to Elder Wm Pitt

We took a walk in the after-noon Jan 24th 1841 with Doctor Copeland we visited the largest Docks in London, we first visited St Catherine's Dock, & after viewing the Shiping & freight of every Description We then visited London Dock, & among many other things we saw one of the greatest Curiosities in London or the world viz the Eastern Wine Vault, This is much the largest Wine vault in the world, it is altogether under ground & covers nine English acres the whole vault is supported with tremendous arches & pillars, & laid out in the form of Streets, what the Street & City overhead we walked through the length & bredth of this vault with a guide each one carrying a lighted lamp in his hand, this vault ~~was~~ has been built 33 years This vault alone contained 30 000 Pipes of the best Port wine & 6 000 pipes of Sherry & three other vaults of great magnitude filled with the same article, besides many thousands of pipes of wine, Brandy Gin & other liquors Strewed throughout all the Docks wharfs & storehouses, we had a tasting order & found the wine a good article, But it seemed dreadful to see such vast Sums of money expended for intoxicating drinks when there are thousands nearly starving for bread in the Streets, we left this scenery & called into a Jewish Synagogue & attended a meeting of the Jews they all worship with their hats on, We returned to our Room, & called upon Mr. Hender & he came Home with me, Soon Mr. James Alban came, & we all went to the Bath at Tabernacle Square, & I Baptized Mr. Alban & Mr. Handal, we returned to our Room & Confirmed Br. Alban home

24th We had a Prayer meeting in the morning, & Communed with the Saints In the afternoon, confirmed one & blessed one Child, [illegible] we took tea with Br. Alban & met a full house in the evening Elder Kimball preached & I followed him we had a good time & many are believing

26th I wrote a letter to Elder Kington & one to Br. Amison & G.A. Smith we walked out & took tea with a friend, called upon Br. Albon & returned to our room & soon Br Wm Crook Priest called upon us to make some arangments about his mission

26th Jan 1841 This is a great day in London as it is the opening of the house of Parliament I started in company with H. C. Kimball Doctor Copeland & wife, Br Groot & sisters Mary Connor & Ellen Belfoor Redman & walked to Saint James Park, we arived in the park at 10 oclock & found the Citizens of London imbodying by tens of thousands, for the purpose of having a view of her Majesty (Queen Victoria) as She passed thro ugh the Park to the House of Lords to open the Parliament in person (Long before 2 oclock the whole line from- Buckingham Palace through St James's Park along Whitehall & Parliament Street leading to the House of Lords, was one Continuous mass of the inhabitants of the Metropolis & of all Classes, The windows of the houses in Parliament Street Whitehall, & Richmond terrace were occupied by fashionable Dressed ladies while on Richmond terrace and on the Steps at the base of the Duke of Yorks Column were immense bodies of people (It was Judged there was from 3 to 400,000 persons gathered together on the occasion, yet notwithstanding this immens Body of People we had the good fortune to (through the favor of one of the Queens Horslife guards) to get a place in the front line. Her Majesty started a quarter before 2 oclock. The cortege consisted of five Carriages containing the attendants upon Royalty, & the State Carriage in which were her Majesty & Prince Albert who sat on her left & the Mistress of the Robes & Master of the Horse The Queen's Body Guard was formed by the Royal Horse Guards (Blue) The life guards did duty on the line, The State Carriage containing Her Majesty & Prince Albert was drawn by 8 Cream Colored Hanovarian Horses the whole train passed within 10 feet of us & other we had a fair & perfect view of the Queen & Prince Albert both going to & returning from the house of Lords, Her Majesty is small in Stature Fair & plain in features & Dress Her Costume was of white Satin trimed with lace She wore a necklace of brilliants, Prince Albert ~~appeared like~~ is quite a good looking man, They Bowed to us as they passed & we returned the Compliment It was the grandest earthly Scenery I ever beheld, Her Majesty was conducted to the Throne by Prince Albert & after She read her Speech She again returned to the Palace and appeared much fatigued

27th ☞ I wrote ~~Jan 27th 1841~~ two Letters one to Elders Brown + Jinkens one to Bro Harris + Wolford we took a long walk through Parts of London, with Br Crook to get his pensions we went to the Admiralty from thence to the Tower of London, we saw several officers at these places + we learned for a certainty that Pensions can no longer be sold but they can draw pensions in any part of the world, through the British Consuls Br Crook will have to get his in some part of Canada among other officers we saw Lord John Russel + Lord John Churchill, we returned to our room + I then walked a distance with Br Crook + parted with him + he started for home Sister Redman walked with us + assisted in the business of the day ☞ I received two letters one from Lorenzo Snow + one from Br Edward Oaky containing $5.00 in a post office order.

29th ☞ I received 2 letters one from Br James Barnes + one From Elder Wm Platers Brother Platers Letter also contained a long interesting Letter from Sister Vilate Kimball to Brother Kimball it was truly interesting + contained much information that was gratifying to our feelings She informed us that Joy of the English Brethren arrived in Nauvoo the last of Nov led by Elder Turley + the rest stopped in Lamoille She informed me that all the things which I sent to Phebe had arrived safe + were in her hands + she would take good care of them until we come She informed us of the interesting meeting she had with the English Sisters, many of which were visiting her, Sister Elizabeth Ravenscroft is making her home with Sister Kimball, + is much pleased, contented + satisfied with her situation, She also speaks of the late Death of Her Father, + many other things, I has just finished a short letter to Sister Kimball, about the things I had sent to Phebe + I wrote 2 pages to Sister Kimball + one Page to to Elder Turley ☞ I also wrote a letter to Elder Levi Richards, + Preached in the evening + 4 Baptized 3 persons + we confirmed them had a good time

29th I received a letter from Elder Wm Pitt
I wrote 2 Letters to G.A. Smith & Wm Pitt
I spent the night in copying a will for Br Thos
Allen

30th I wrote 3 Letters one to James Barnes one to
Edward Oakley one to Br Benjamin Hill at Turkey Hall
Br Kimball received one from Sister Susanna Sanford
who spoke of a Lady that saw us there & heard
our testimony & was now believing

31st Sunday We met at our Room in the morning &
Communed with the Saints at the Academy in the Afternoon
& Preached in the Evening Br Alburn had some trials

Feberary 1st I received 2 letters one from G.A. Smith
one from Eliza Bromley containing a remarkable dream
I also Coppied into my Journal of 1840 a very singular
dream of the late Dr. Philip Doddridge
I wrote a letter to Sister Jennetta Richards

2d I wrote a letter to Br Wm Pitt. & notifyed
him to attend a conference in London on the
14th inst. We walked to Phinsbury Square here
we beheld a large fire it commenced at 10 o'clock in
the morning it was mostly extinguished when we
saw it, the large brick buildings had burned down
it Snowed & was very Cold many thousands were
gathard together on the occasion We next went
to the Stationary Hall near Saint Pauls —
Cathedral at which Place all Copy wrights for
Books of all kinds, Elder Kimball made inquiry
concerning Securing the Copy right of the
Book of Mormon or what would be required
& we were correctly informed that all that
was required was five Coppies of the Book
& two shillings in money, or three shilling if
we had a certificate, We next called
at 46 Charlotte Street Fitzroy Square upon Mr.
Phillippo Pistrucci we Saw our portraits & took
the dimentions of them thinking to get them frame
they were 20 Inches by 27½ We next called
upon Mr Sangiovanni, A Miss Elizabeth Coleman
made Elder Kimball and myself each a present

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[illegible] a nice silk hankerchief & 2/6 in money
Mrs Susanna Sanguavanni Did the Same
& Also sister Elizabeth Morgan gave each of us
a Hankerchief, we held a meeting in the evening
& had a good time, we appointed a Committee of
three persons to hire a preaching room viz Dr-
Copeland, Rev James Albon & Priest John Cooper
that all accepted their appointment & will report
unto us on Thursday evening at our meeting, Br
James Albon wished to make Elder Kimball & myself
a present of a nice guilt frame of his own work
-manship for our portraits worth £1.10 each which
we accepted of. It gave me pain while pass
-ing through the streets of London this cold day to
see poor women & esspecially little children freez
-ing nearly to death without food, fire & but little
cloathing but begging for a morsel to eat 10min
I received a letter from Elder Wm Kirkington in
Bristol, He informed me He had commenced
building up a church in that large City had Baptized
5 & organized a branch of 9 members may the Lord
bless him & enable him to build up a large church
there I pray

3d Doctor Copeland made us a present of a large
Hare caught in the noted Robinghood forest-
I received a letter from Elder John Cheese ship
ting that he would leave England for America in
Feb with the Saints I wrote a letter to Elder
Wm Kirkington & spent an agreeable visit at Br-
Albons with Elder Kimball & Dr Copeland & Br
I also called upon sister Redman at 22 (Cooper)
Kirkgate Sim

4th I received 2 letters from Elder Wm Pitt
I wrote a letter to Br Wm Pitt jointly. Sister
Harriet Morgan is broke out with the Small Pox
Elder Kimball & myself went down into into the
room to her & laid ~~down~~ hands upon her which
was the first time I ever laid hands upon a person
with the Small pox, Elder Kimball received 2 letters
one from G. A. Smith & one from Dea Borough
containing £3 pounds in a post Office order

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sister Alburn & our us two loaves of Bread and a lump of Buttar, Elder Kimball & myself bought ~~each of~~ our wives A Muslin DeLain Dress & also bought one of the same kind for sister Eunice Woodruff all three of the Dresses or the pattern was exactly alike we ~~or~~ 5 or 6 Also bought a foot ~~rule~~ rule a pair of nut Crackr, & twesers of Mrs Alsop, We walked to London Bridge & took the rail road, & rode to Deptford from thence to Greenwich, which stands upon the bank of the Thames & is the place from which European & American Mariners take their longitude, We walked from Greenwich to Woolwich which also stands upon the banks of the Thames, & is the most important Military Post in Englan it is an exceeding Cold day, We spent the evening with Br Bates, all the Saints there was in Woolwich was present but one, there is but six in all but they are firm in faith. We spent the night at a publick house the whole distance of the Day 13 miles

5th A very cold day We spent the forepart of the day by the fireside at Br Bates, I read a Book most through entitled the life & Death of John Fletcher, We spent the Afternoon in visiting the town of Woolwich, which was truly interesting to me, We first visited the Artillary & Marin Barracks, passed through & had a view of their Drill & parade ground which I should judge to be a mile square it is the largest I ever saw, As cold as it was their was a number of Companies on parade & were drilling new recruits, we saw many hundred Cannon one that measured 16 feet in length 3½ diameter at the brich & 2 at the mouth, we saw one horse company exercising. We saw two Soldiers buried under arms the Coffins were let down into the grave side by side about a minute dirt sprinkled upon them the Priest read the funeral Prayers & Ceremony, A Company of Soldiers then fired three rounds over their grave & retired, We next visited the Dock & Prision yard, which is considerd one of the most interesting Dock yards in the world, On passing through the gate in to the yard we entered our names & residence on Book, was then conducted by Mr John Finsbury Policeman to all parts & branches of busines in the yard, The government had in their employ in this yard many hundreds of men besides [illegible] Prisoners who are ingaged in building Vessels steamBoats Ships of War. making Anchors, Cables, Chains, Boilers,

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Shot, Balls, Cannon, &c, the Pipes or Bellows were all worked by Steam the operation of the engines were pointed out unto us among many other curiosities we saw the Hydrolick Press or pump, by which power the Strength of all the Anchors & Chain Cables are tried with this small press they readily can break 150 tons wait, they will snap an Anchor into like a pipes stem that will weigh 6 tons,, it clearly shows the consentrated powor of the invention of man, we saw specemins of various timbers which had been buried in the ground to see which would stand the longest & it was found that English Oak Stood longer than fir or limeumbita, we saw the boat in which Captain Ross & his comrads were saved & lived in it a season after they were wrecked, we went on to the upper Deck of the new 120 Gun Ship Trafalgar it has been upon the Stocks a number of years but is to be launched in May 1841, it is considered as large as any Ship upon the Seas, her Keel is 223 feet in length, has three fighting Decks, there is a new hewn stone Dock made on purpose to contain her, we also saw the Ship which Contains all the prisioners by night After having a view of these things we left the Prision yard & took some refreshment at Br Painters house & took Steam Boat for London I should judge the pop of woolwich to be 50,000, it is a pleasant place especially in Summer, it lies about 10 miles below London Bridge on the Thames, as we passed up the River, we left Shiping on both sides of us of every class & description, both in the river & Docks from Woolwich to London Bridge, we probably passed not less than 1500 vessels during that distance we walked from London Bridge to the Ironmongers Row Saint Lukes & spent the night at Home again 14 miles We visited Harriet who had the Small pox & found her comfortable She had had the kind or kow pox before but it appears to be no preventative these days

6th I received 3 letters from the post man one from Br Levi Richards, to me one from sister Young to Elder Young Dec 25th one to Elder Kimball, Sister Young said Br Joseph was going to write for the Twelve to hold a conference in England in the Spring ordain as many as they thought wisdom & send them to all parts that could, & then for the Twelve to return to Nauvoo

We Baptized one in the evening Feb 7th 1841 I perused the London weekly Dispatch, which gave an account of the wreck of the Packet Ship Garrick of Sandy Hook, Elders Kimble & O Hide, crossed the Atlantic twice in her when they first came to Eng & returned, her tonage was 1010, was a new Ship, the paper also spoke of the bad state of affairs in America esspecially in the money market, the Banks being rotten at the core

7th This was an interesting day on some accounts we spent the forenoon by going to the bath & we Baptized Mrs Susanna M. Sangiovanni Elder Kimball baptized Her, & I never saw a person Baptized in London that did my soul more good than to see her go forward in the ordinance of Baptism. She was the daughter of David W Roger of Montrose, She had an Italian for a Husband who was a very Jealous man & an unbeliever in the Bible or any of the word of God, & he would not grant her any religious privliges but she had a little leasure time came three miles this Cold morning to be Baptized, after we Baptized her we laid hands upon her & Confirmed & Blessed her, & also the Sister we Baptized last evening Sister Susanna returned home rejoiceing in the Lord with her whole heart. We Dined at Br Albons, had for our Dinner a nice hare Pie it being the first English hare I have eat, though I have frequently Dined upon a rabbit, we met with the Saints in the Afternoon & Communed with the Saints had a good time & full house, Elder Kimball also preached in the evening & I followed him the Lord was with us the house was full & good attention we spent the day pleasantly

BOOK of MORMON ENTERED 14

But the gentile spirited his duty

7th I wrote a letter to Elder John Herrit we received a package of 20 of the New Books of Mormon & two dozen Hymn Books, I wrote Heber C. Kimball & Willford Woodruff names in som Books for Br & Sister Morgan, Elder Kimball & myself then walked, to S.E. Dean Tailor 113 Aldersgate Street City, here a young man offered Himself for Baptism, We then walked to the Stationers Hall & secured the Copy wright of the Book of Mormon in the name of Joseph Smith jr we left five copies of the Book & paid three Shillings we returned Home & visited a poor woman who

was sick Friday 11th 1841 Unto Death we prayed with her & laid hands upon her & rebuked her Sickness in the name of the Lord. In the evening we went to Tabernacle Square & Baptized 4 persons one was Mrs Alban Br James Alban's wife, we also confirmed her, Elder Kimball administered the ordinance of Baptism, He also received 4 letters which gave us information of the vast emegration of the Saints Elder Young Said 235 soon one Ship & 100 more are going on another, Elder Thomas Smith spoke of Severe persecution arising in Clitheroe & round about 3 miles

9th Elder Kimball & myself spent the day in preparing a piece or small tract for the press to present to the citizens of London before we leave it showing in plainness the first principles of the gospel & the commission given by Jesus To his Ancient Apostles we had an interesting meeting in the evening

10th We spent the day in writing at Sister Ellen B. Redman at No 22 King Street Persaval St Clarkenwell Parrish we took a walk out to the Hospital, with Doctor Copeland & spent the evening at home

11th We finished our Peace for the Press, Elder Lorenzo Snow arived at our lodgings this day from Birmingham to charge of the Church in London in our absence as we shall leave it in his Care, I was truly glad to once more greet Br Snow As I have not seen him before since 1837 I received a letter from Elder Kimington. Elder Wm Pitt Also arived at our lodgings in the evening we had an interesting evening meeting Elder Snow Preached Elder Kimball & myself followed him we all spent the night at our lodgings 2

12th I wrote a letter to Sister Eliza Bromley one to Elder T. Kimgton & one to G A Smith Elders Heber C. Kimball & Lorenzo Snow went to Woolwich, I received a letter from Br Sith to Br Snow. Their is great excitement at the present time not ownly in the House of Parliament but throughout London in Consequence of the Apprehension &

imprisionmeur of Mr M.G. Cleod a British Officeu
in Lockport Jail by the Inhabitants of the State of
New York who are trying him for Arson & Murder
& are determined to execute him if found guilty
this accusation is for the Burning of the Caroline
on lake Erie in 1837 during the troubles in Canada
England Considers it a National & not an individ
-ual affair & that Mr M.G Cleod acted in those
transactions by order of the British Government
not upon his own responsibility, & under these consi-
derations Parliament is determined to demand his
release & defend his life even at the expens of an
immediat War with America; Parliament has
sent a special message & orders to the British Ambas
sador at Washington what Course to persue in the
case what will be the end of this matter time must
determin, One thing is certain, if America
hasyards a war with England, She will find it to be
more than a Joke to meet So Strong a foe & one tha
is armed to the teeth for war; Should truth speak She
would represent England literally at the present time
the strongest among the Nations, & chief in power
& the main spring of the Gentile World, & she will
remain a little season as an instrument in the hands
of God, of Bringing to pass great events, in the resto
-ration of the Jews, & will be a scourge to the surro
-unding Nations America not excepted, Not because
She is more virtuous or wrighteous, than the Nations
that Surround her for in the midst of all her prof
-essed wrightousness her sins have reached unto
heaven & God hath remembered her iniquities
& she will soon feel the chastning hand of the
Almighty, & will fall in her turn & great will be
the fall thereof. therefore O England thou chief
of the Nations of Babylon prepare for thy DOOM

But O!! America America!! whose land is choice
above that of all the footstool of God, whose Constit
-ution was framed by the Spirit of inspiration
& whose Government was established by the ~~tian~~
hand of Omnipotent power; In the midst of thy
meekness, humility & virtue thou was oppressed in
thy weakness & unjustly grieved by thy mother

Country, then that God who holds the destinies
of all nations, Deliverd thee from thine oppressors
& Set thy nest on high & exhalted thee in the
eyes of the Nations, & poured upon thee without
measure the blessings of heaven & the bounty
of the earth, which thou hast for a long time enjoy-
ed with none to molest or make afraid. O!!
America how is it with thee now, !! How art thou
fallen, fallen, In the eyes of thy God, thy prot
ector & deliverer who changes not, & who will
Still avenge the Blood of the Innocent, & Answer
the prayer of the widow, regard the cry of the
orphan & take vengance on thee, Thy Salt has
lost its Saviour; thy light hath gone out, Thine
Eagles Crest is stained with innocent blood even
that of Saints, Thou hast made widows & orpheans
whose Prayers & cries are assending into the ears of
the Lord of Sabaoth, who was once thy friend &
deliverer, But will now Speedily pour out wrath
& indignation upon thee & teach thee their is Still
a God in Israel, Americans A Sound once delight
ful to my ear, didst thou not plough the Ocean & Seek
an Assylom in the Western world, beyound the
reach of the Iron hand of oppression & tyranny to enjoy
an equal right in the worship of thy God, & the
Blessings of A republick, Since thou has freely obtain
this Blessing & drank abundantly of its sweet foun
ain which produced an inexpressable ~~fountain~~ steam for
the & all thy Citizens why then hast thou
deprived a portion of thy countryman of those
glorious Blessings in which thou has Solomy Sworn
By Driving thousands of the Saints from place to
place, County to County, & State to State, Spoil
ing their Goods, burnings their houses, robing the
fruits of their labours, & last of all Spill their
Blood, & Murder them for the word of God & the
testimony of Jesus Christ, by So Doing thou
hast made hundreds of widows & orpheans whose
cry is assending into the ears of the Lord to
avenge the blood of their murdered Husbands &
Fathers & when they the persecuted have petitions
to the rulers for redress of their rongs they have

turned a deaf ear to their cries. O America it
is because of these things that thou art weighed in
the balance & found wanting from this time forth
perplexity shall rest upon thy nation, confusion
reign in thy government, wisdom righteousness & truth
will depart from thy Senators & rulers, Discord
& folly ~~shall~~ shall sit in thy congress & Senate, thy
shame shall be known among the nations of the
earth thy pride shall be humbled in the dust & thy
haughtiness laid low, the heads of thy rulers shall
be cut off & laid in the dust, it shall be a vexation to
understand the report of the sorrow pain & woe that
shall come upon thee by sword fire, tempest Earthq
akes, & pestilence from the hand of God even these
things shall come upon thee untill thy government is
broken up & thou art destroyed as a nation from
under Heaven: for thou hast not kept the command-
ments of the Lord but hast Broken them, Betrayed
the Constitution of the Land, Polluted thine inheritan
ce, robed the innocent, shed the Blood of Saints
& made many widows & orphans, Therefore from this
hour these things shall come upon thee & shall not
cease untill the whole is accomplished & fulfilled upon
thine HEAD

[Omens] In the fall of 1840 the great Chandelier in the represe
ntatives Hall in Washington weighing about 6000 lbs, fell with
a tremendious crash & broke into a thousand atoms. About the
same time the female figure goddess of liberty on the east side of
the capitol lost her hand that held the balances it broke of itself
just below the elbow & it fell. April 4th 1841 President
Harrison died in one month after taking the Chair:

13th I received 2 letters, one from Br Thom
Smith, & one from Elder Young to Br Kimball
& myself I Also received the three first numb
ers of the 2d Vol of the Times & Seasons & it
was truly a feast to my soul to once more hear
from the Saints in that Land, & to hear of the pro-
gress of the work in that land I wrote a letter
to Elder Young one to Br Thomas Smith, I
went to Tabernacle Square & Baptized 2 persons
one was a Methodist Classed leader, We have a confe
rence on the morrow which is the first conference
held in London

Minutes of A Conference held in LONDON

Feb 14th 1841

A Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was held at Mr J. Barretts Academy 57 King Square Goswell Road on Sunday the 14th Feb 1841. There being present Elders H C. Kimball W. Woodruff. L Snow & Wm Pitt and 4 Priest

The meeting was Called to order by Elder Kimball at 2 o'clock It was then moved by Elder Kimball Seconded by Elder Pitt that Elder W. Woodruff should be president of the conference, Carried unanimously Moved by Elder Kimball seconded by Elder Woodruff. that Dr Wm Copeland be chosen Clerk Carried unanimously, The meeting was opened by singing & prayer by Elder Kimball.

The President the called upon the official members to Represent their respective branches

The church at Bedford Represented by Robert Williams. Priest Containing 42 members, one Priest 7 Removed 2 Died.

The Church at Ipswich Represented by Elder Wm Pitt, Consisting of 12 members, one Elder one Priest, & one Teacher.

The Church at Woolwich Represented by John Griffith Priest, Consisting of 6 members 1 Priest

The Church at London Represented by Elder Kimball Consisting of 46 members 1 Elder 2 Priest Generally in good Standing. Excellent Prospect of Continued increase, Moved by Elder Kimball Seconded by Elder Woodruff, that James Albon be ordained Elder. Carried Unanimously

Moved by Elder Kimball Seconded by Elder Snow that Thomas Barnes be ordained Teacher Carried Unanimously

Moved by Elder Kimball Seconded by Elder Pitt that Br R. Williams be ordained Elder To oversee the Church at Bedford Carried Unanimously,

Moved by R. Williams Seconded by Elder Pitt that Br Wm Smith Be Ordained Priest at Bedford

Moved by Elder Kimball Seconded by Elder Pitt that Br Richard Bates be ordained a Priest in the Church at Woolwich Carried Unanimously

Moved by Br R Williams, Seconded by Elder Pitt
that Br John Sheffield be Ordained Teacher at
Bedford Carried unanimously
Moved by Elder Kimball Seconded by Br Griffiths
that Br A Painter be ordained a Teacher at Woolwich
Carried unanimously
The Above named persons were then Ordained under
the hands of Elders Kimball Woodruff & Snow
Moved by Elder Kimball Seconded by Elder
Woodruff that Elder Snow be Appointed President
of this Conference Also to take the Superintendicy
of the Church in London. Much valuable
instruction was given by Elders Kimball & Woodruff
in relation to the Duties of the Official members
It was then moved by Elder Kimball & Seconded
by Elder Snow that this Conference be Adjourned
to Sunday the 16th of May 1841 carried unanimously
The Conference was then Closed by the
President by singing & Prayer at half past five

W. Woodruff President
Dr Wm Copeland Clerk

106 members 2 E. 5 P. 1 T.

We also broke bread with the Saints &
Confirmed & we had a happy time through
the meeting, We again met & opened meeting
at half past Six I opened meeting & was followed
by Elders Albon, Pitt, Williams, Snow & H.C. Kimball
we had the fullest house we have ever seen there
& a great prospect of the Spread of the work one
came forward for Baptism, This is a day I have
long desired to see, for we have laboured exceeding
hard to esstablished the work in this City, & in several
instances it seemed as though we should have to give
it up but by claiming the promises of God & holding on
to the word of God, the rod of Iron we have been
enabled to overcome & plant a Church & esstablish a
Conference which we are enabled through the grace
of God to leave in a Prosperous Situation which has the
appearance of a great increase Which Church & Confe
rence we leave in the Care of our Beloved Brother Elder
Lorenzo Snow may God bless him & roll on his work
in Mighty Power in this City I pray, & raise up a great
people here to the Honour & Glory of his name

Thy Purposes O! Lord ✍ must roll on Thy Decrees are
✍ ! Wisdom how ✍ Precious tha ✍ art. Sure

Feb. 15th 1841

Feb 15th Elder Kimball received a letter from his
wife ✍ Dated Nauvoo Dec 30th, She informed us that
Joseph had written for the Twelve to come
immediately home for our personal Safety, as great
Judgements are nigh in this land even at the Door,, She
spoke of our families being well, as far as She know
O! God hasten the day when we can behold the
faces of our wifes & children Prepare us O God for
ev'ry event which awaiteth us, Deliver us O thou
from ev'ry evil for we are in thine hands,, Thou know
est the integrity of our hearts & the Sacrafizes
which we have made for thy Cause on this mission
May all things work together for our good, help
us O Lord to keep the faith & overcome the world
that no man may take our Crown, which I ask
in the name of Jesus Christ Amen
✍ I Received 3 Letters one from. T. Kimpton one from
Daniel Blakesley one from Edward Oaky
✍ I wrote a letter to Elder T. Blakesley We
Spent the Evening at Br Morgans Several of the
Saints were present we conversed about the
Things of God, We feel the forebodeings of the
things that are at the door & speedily await the
world, their is no doubt but what troubles will
Soon arise between England & America but may
the Lord prepare his Saints for the worst

16th ✍ I wrote a letter to Br Edward Oakey
✍ I received a letter from Elder G. A Smith
I walked in Company with Elders Kimball &
Snow To Mr Pistrucci, from thence to Mr Samsuvini
& took tea with ~~Mr Sm~~ him for the last
time, we returned to our meeting & meet with
the Church for the last time as Elder Kimball
will leave London Soon, It was a melting time
we returned to our room Conversed about
many things with the Saints, Such as parting with
the Saints, Leaving London, the awful Judgm
ents that await the Nations, War War is the door
between England & America, O Lord Deliver us

Feb 17th 1841

my Great excitement prevails throughout London esspecially in the House of parliament concerning the Imprisionment of Mr McCleod & the North Eastern Boundary Question, Parliament now seemes determined on war to every Humane appearance it cannot be evaded, But to the reflecting mind it seems as though the Nations at the present time, were Insane & their Kings Presidents & Senitors entirely destitute of all Wisdom, But they will all Soon learn their is a God in Israel who is about to take peace from the Earth & Cut of Nations not a few for Great Babylon is about to come in remembrance before God, It will be as much as we Have shall do to get out of Liverpool for New York before war overtakes us, But my Prayer is that God will speedily Deliver us & the Saints

Recd a Letter from Elder Pitt containing £3. & informing me that their was an appointment for me to Preach in Bristol on Sunday I wrote a letter to Elder Wm Pitt, Dr Copeland introduced us by letter to the overseer of the library of Bartholimew Hospital which we visited this day & was very politely conducted by Dr Lyon throug the various Appartments of the Hospital & after visiting the Museum, lecture rooms & other places, last of all we visited the DISSECTING ROOM It being the first Scenery of the kind I ever Saw, Elders H C Kimball & L Snow was with me, the Dissecting appartment consisted of three Rooms, which contained about twenty Subjects viz Human Bodies which the Doctors were dissecting that lay upon tables, some were just commenced upon while others were nearly finished our stay was short as their was a great Stench in the room, limbs & parts of the body were hung in all parts of the room, We returned home from the Hospital to our room carrying the vision of what we saw in our minds. I Corrected the proof Sheet of our Address to the Citizens of London we had our Siting Room full of Saints in the evening as we were soon to Leave London they brought us some money & presents for our wives & Children sister Copeland gave me a hat for little Wilford 4 miles

Feb 14th I wrote Feb 16th 1841 a letter to Phebe requesting her to answer it + direct to New York in care of Bros E Carter + Fox as I had finished it I received A Package from Pickfords Boat on opening it contained the 10No of the Star several of the Times & Seasons, one Letter from Sister Eunice + Mother Woodruff which was very interesting Also one from my Friends in Maine written by Father Carter, Freedom Holton, Phebe, Willford Owen Shush + Sister Foss, Dated Jan 10th It was truly a feast to me to hear from my dear wife child + friend once more after being Seperated nearly two years from them, May God hasten the day when I may see them once more, I also wrote a letter to Father Mother + Eunice Woodruff, I also received a letter from Br James Barnes,

19th I received 2 letters one from Wm Pitt one from E Oakey containing £2.
I mailed the two letters to Phebe + Father Woodruff at Phillipps No 3. Georges Yard Lombard Street We went to Tabernacle Square + Baptized 2 persons a Few + Newess I packed up my things + put them into Elder Kimballs Trunk who was going direct to Manchester; We confirmed the two we Baptized Elder Kimball Administered Baptism I felt quite unwell in the evening

20th I arose in the morning very ill I walked to the printing office + got 3000 Copies of the Address To the Citizens of London by {H C. Kimball / W Woodruff} I Paid the Bill which was £3.3 three Guiney's I took the parting hand with Elder Kimball, My Distress & pains of Body increased through the day, My friends held a Council upon the Subject + pronounced my Disease the Small pox as I had been much exposed to it, I told them I had rather it would be that than the Ague So I went to bed + prepared for it, had a dredful night of pain + distress

21st Sunday grew worse through the day many friends called to my bed side to Seeme, (as I was not able to set up at all,) Among whome was Dr Copeland, who said it was not the Small Pox but a hard attack of Cold + fever + they must change my treatment or I should should

soon sink they Bless'd & I began to revive in the evening
& spent a little more comfortable night

Feb 22nd 1841

22 Was much better & enabled to sit up most of the day

23d Arose in the morning refreshed by sleep Still felt
Weak in body wrot a few lines in my Journal with
a feble hand, I Received 2 letters from E. Bromley & a
Brother in the Potteries, Elder Snow wrote to Elder
Young for me [J.S.B] Last evening the Noble spirited &
Celebrated J. S. Buckingham, finished his course of
lectures concerning his tour throug the United States which
was delivered to a crouded Audience, while treating upon
the country, Government, laws, Customs, passions, religion
Sects, & a great variety of other Subject, He omitted the
Subject of the Mormons, or Latter Day Saints Although He
informed the publick he should speak upon that Subject
this was omitted in consequence of receiving a letter the
day previous to his lecture from Dr Copeland inclosing
one of our addresses to the citizens of Hancock, which
clearly showed him, that we were American citizens.
Elders of the church, were in the city, & would have a
knowledge of what he presented before the common
people, Early this morning Mr Copeland received
a letter from him acknowledging his ignorance concer-
ning our cause & very much wished information by obta
ining our writings &c So I made him a present of the
Book of Mormon, the Millennial Star & other works
& my prayr to God is they may do good. I walked
out as far as Mr Connors & found myself still quite
weak - so [illegible] many friends called to see
me in the evening, I had many Dreams at night on one
occasion I was Preaching on a plain with another Brother
to a large Congregation of Saints who surrounded us when
on a Sudden An army of men appeared against us
& we all fled to our village which lay a little distance of-
we had a little boy & trauling bag to carry to the city
for safety before I reached the city I awoke, I again
fell asleep & the house where I was, I thought was
surrounded by a mob, we put our property out of their
way & they soon dispersed, I then dreamed of seeing
a prisioner of another Tongue bound in Irons to be execut
ed, about 20 of his own nation came around
him & kneeled down & spoke in their own
language

Feb 24th I felt able to walk into the City & purchased a Thermometer, 3/6 A Pocket Compass 3/6 2 Brass Boxes 1/4 one doz Steel pens & case 1/1 I packed them into a parsel, with 100 addresses to the Citizens of London. & Hymn Books all my Corresponding letters & papers, & sent them to 189 Oldham Road Manchester in Care of P P Pratt. I Also sent Elder Brigham Young new watch in the same way to the same place All in the Hands of Brother Hyde I wrote P P Pratt a letter upon the same Subject

25th I Spent the Day in paying my last visit to the Saints in London & preparing for leaving London I preached for the last time in Londonlondon, I saw my pocket watch & Phebes House time Piece both of which was a Splendid peace of work, which I leave in the hands of Br Connor to pack up & send to me at Manchester I also bought a Silver watch guard of Br Connor for 15 or 16

26th I took the parting hand with Elder Snow & the Saints & walked to the great western Railway Station & took rail road for Bristol, & took my farewell of London for the last time, we rode on the rail road to Wootton basset. 40 miles I then took Coach & rode 36 miles (the Road was hard to Bath which is the most Striking place to the eye of the traveler I ever saw, the city Commences on the top of two mountains of high hills & fills the valley between the City is a very Ancient Antique looking place & very curiously Situated pop 175,000, I again took cars at Bath & rode to Bristol 12 miles, I called at No 12 Redcliff Cressent, Bedminster Parrish Bristol, where I found Elder Thomas Kington with all his household & also Elder Pitt they made me welcome & I was truly glad to see them. City of Bristol, is quite a noted place in England, with a pop of 200,000 Souls I found a little Branch of the Church of L. D. Saints of 13 in No Some believing came in to Convers with me in the evening. Distance of the day 120 miles

27th I wrote 2 letters one to Sister Morgan at Garw one to Elder Snow in London

Feb 28 1841

Fed 28th Sunday this is the last Day of winter; I still have a Severe Cold, I Preached this Day for the first time in the City of Bristol, I preached in the Theater in the Afternoon & evening, The Theater was Crouded to overflowing Several Hundred were present & good attention was paid, many Souls will embrace the work in Bristol, After meeting we returned to Elder Kingtons House & I broke bread unto the Saints had a good time, one offered for Baptism. Bristol is a very noted place for Religion Contains a very great No of Churchs & Chapels of the various Orders, it is a Seaport town it is the Harbour of the great-Western & many other Ships that Sail to New York, I went through Red-cliff Street Park St & Temple St.

March 1st 1841 Thus my Birth Day rolls around again with the Spring, I am 34 years of age this day thus time rolls along & waiteth for noman I am much troubled with a bad cold, I spent the day at Br Kingtons, We spoke much about going to Nauvoo, I pray God to hasten the day when I may See my wife & Child once more

2d I is rainy weather I still have a Cold but am some better than I was yesterday, I preached again & for the last time, in the Theater in Bristol, many Strangers attended & gave good attention, I spent the night at Br Kingtons ☿ I wrote a letter to Br Oxley

3. ☐ I received a letter from Elder Snow. I took a walk with Elder Kington through the City of Bristol we visited Mrs Clift, After which we visited the Noted Suspension Bridge now erecting across the River Avon, at St Vincens Rocks Clifton, this Suspension Bridge is 100 feet high & 700 in length, their was a bar of Iron & two ropes extend-ing across from pillar to pillar & persons could ownly as yet pass over in a basket one or two at a time which goes on rollers or wheels almost with the rapidity of a steem engine, I saw several pass over in this way their is some of the greatest Curiosities in the known world in the petrified Stones formed from the various Shells fish worms & other living Creatures of the Sea which were formed into Stones of Beautiful figures & Colors I purchased some small specimens, & after walking over

& viewing the sea we returned having a look at the great Western as we passed along, we then returned home & I walked to the pool & Baptized a Lady by the name of Howell we returned to the room & confirmed her. & had a good time I laid hands upon many & blessed them, I Blessed Elder Wrington & all his household, & we had a good time the friends Contributed sumthing for my necessitis

All I took the parting hand with Elder Wrington & household with all the Saints, in Bristol, & took Coach & rode to the passage over the river Severn, here we left Coach crossed one mile & half in a boat with passengers & baggage over the water we again took Coach road to the town of Cheapstow Monmouthshire Wales, I arrived in this town at 11 o'clock I spent three hours in this Noted town pop 6000 During which time I visited the old Noted Cheapstow Castle, in which it is said that Oliver Cromwell was imprisioned for a season, it was vary Antique & partly in ruins there are vary many Castles in Wales of this kind which ware built to defend themself against the English But it is evident from the manner of their Construction, situation, & location, that they were not calculated so much for Defence against Canon Ball as stones & arrows, I Dined in this town, owing half a Crown 4s for Dinner & 1s six pence for the waiter at table & another sixpens for a waiter To the Coach, where I paid 4d more to ride to Monmouth the Capitol of Monmouthshire 16 miles it was exceeding hilly & mountaineous which is the case throughout Wales, much of this road was by the windings of the River &, the Coachman run his horses Down the mountains which would much have endangered our lives had not the roads been good, when I arived in Monmouth, Elder James Morgan was waiting my arival, had giving out an appointment for me to preach in town at 7 o'clock, I preached at the house of Robert Davis, the house was Crouded & many that could not get in, & offerd themselves for Baptism the first opportunity their is many that will embrace the work in Monmouth if it is attended to, their are Calls

upon every hand the harvest is great & labourers few
I spent the night at the full Moon. Distance of the Days.

March 5th 1841

6th I arose refreshed by sleep took Breakfast with Mr. Morton & walked 10 miles through mud & water in the midst of a driving March rain storm to Sister Mary Morgan at little Garway, where I found a pleasent family of the Saints, we were drenched with rain, but we found a good fire & spent the day comfortable In the evening I had an interview with Elder littlewood

6th I spent the Day at Sister Morgans reading the history of Rome which was truly interesting esspecially the history of the twin Brothers of Romulus & Remus sons of Rhea Sylvia, which she said was by Mars the God of war, they was flung into the river to be Drowned, but they were saved, suckled by a wolf, & brought up by Acca Laurentia. After acting awhile the part of a shepherds they learned their real birth, both were eager to reign & had a battle Remus was killed, Romulus being now sole commander and eighteen years of age laid the foundation of a City that was one Day to give laws to the world it was called Rome after the name of the founder & built upon the palestine Hill on which he had taken his successful omen which was twelve vultures this City at first was almost square containing about one thousand houses about a mile in compass. Hannibal after fighting nobly for his country until he was old being persecuted from Country to Country & Deserted by his friends he took poison, & expired as he had lived with intriped bravery Pompeys & Cæsar Career was noted in the history of Rome Pompey was finally Defeated by Cæsar Deserted by his friends & murdered upon the Sea shore insight of his wife his head taken off & presented to Cæsar; Philip & an other Roman Soldier who had served under pompey in his youth paid their last honours to his remains which laid exposed upon the beach by burning his body & burying his ashes under a little rising earth over which they placed the following inscription "He whose merits deserve a Temple can now scarcely find a tomb, & Cæsar fare but little better for after serving his country faithfull & fighting near 200 pitched battles was assassinated in the Senate house among the conspirators was Brutus his Son, But Brutus & Cassius both sought Death

at the hand of their friends or soldiers & obtained if because they Defeated in battle, It is observed that not one of those who had a hand in the Death of Caesar Died a natural death but either killed themselves or were killed by others, in fine suicide was a common thing among the grecian & Roman Generals Soldiers & poets, many Died by the use of hemlock & other poisons, as well as by the Dagger. Cleopatra sought Death by the sting of the Asp rather than to have Augustus take her to Rome Antoeny killed himself with his sword, which left Augustus Sole master of the Roman Empire He Died a natural Death at 76 year of age after reigning 41 years & having the affections of the Roman people, His power began in slaughter & terminated in the good of the people, so that it was said of him "that it would have been good for mankind if he had not been born, or if he never had died, Tiberius next took the government of Rome many were executed During his reign But he was smothered or poisoned in the 7th year of his age after reigning 22 years. It was in the eighteenth year of the reign of Tiberius that Christ was crucified, shortly after his Death Pilate wrote to Tiberius an account of his passions resurrection & miricles, & requested that Christ might be accounted a God by the Romans. ✻ ✻

Caius Caligula reign was the most strange extravagant inconsistant, & cruel of any tyrant that ever reigned in Rome, He was killed with dagger by Cheria & others at one of his games at 29th year of his age after a short reign of three years ten months & eight Days Claudios next reigned in mildness he restored Judea to Herod Agrippa which Caligula had taken from Herod Antipas his uncle the man who had put John the Baptist to death. Nero began his reign in AD 54. though but 17 years of age his reign was dreadful tyranical cruel & wicked, even with the Romans but more esspecially with the Christians, among the many Christians that were martyred in Nero reign was the beheading of St Paul & crucifiing of St Peter he also put to death Seneca the philosopher & Lucan the poet, & after gluting his ungodly passion with the Death of thousands he eagerly sought death many ways before the wrech could find it

+ at last cut his own throat after reigning 13 years
7 months + 24 days, Galba next reigned 7 months +
lost his head © tho took his place + was killed in
battle. Vespasian was declaired emperom in AD 70. +
gave his son Titus command of the army thor was
to lay siege to Jerrusalem, while John + Simon wer
at war with each other in the city of Jerrusalem +
the roman army without, + the vengence of God
from above the city was soon distroyed. the temple
not excepted, the number who perished in the
siege was above a million of souls + almost 100 000
led awat captive. Vespasion died a natural death
standing upon his feet, Titus died from a fever a
little Distance from Rome Domitian commenced
reigning AD 81. which was cruel + unmerciful he
was put to death by Stephanus + succeeded by Nerva
in AD 96. who died of a fever after a reign of one year
four months + nine Days, he was succeeded by Trajan
who has been noted for his perseverence in great-under-
-takings among which was the stupendeous work of build
-ing a bridge across the Danube, this amazing structure
consisting of twenty two arches a hundred + fifty
feet high + a hundred + seventy broad, the ruins of
this structure remain to this Day, + show modern
architects how far they were surpassed by the Ancients
both in the greatness + boldness of their Design. tha chri-
-stians suffered during his reign, Trajan died of
the apoplexy in AD 117 after a reign of 19 years 6 month
+ 15 days. Trajan Column erected at Rome AD 114
after the reign of several others Maximin comm
-enced his reign in AD 235 this gigantic man was noless
than eight feet & a half high he had a body + strength
corresponding to his size; his strength was so great that
he was able to draw a carriage which two oxen could
not move, He could strike out a horse's teeth with a
blow of his fist + break ~~his~~ its thigh with a kick. He
generally ate 40 pounds weight of flesh each day +
drank six gallons of wine, his guards finally slew him
with his son while they were asleep in their tent-
Constantine the great commenced his reign in AD 304
He united church + state + acknowledged Christianity
At about 60 years of age after reigning 30 years he
died of the ague, but was baptized + received the
Sacramant just before his Death. The foregoing items

istalion from the history of Rome by Edward Coxe March 7th 1841
After reading this History I walked to Br Thomas
Rooke & met in Council with the officers had a
good time from thence to Br John Holley & spent
the night 3 miles

1st Sunday I preached in the morning at the house
of Br Thomas Root, & in the evening at the
kitchen, upon the Book of mormon had a full house
spent the night at Sister Morgans 4 miles

March 4th I met in the Garway Conference at the
kitchen Elder Levi Richards was chosen ~~Clerk~~ president
& Elder James Morgan clerk Being present
High Counsel travelling, 1 High Priest 17 Elders 11
Priest. 2 Teachers 1 Deacon meeting opened by
Prayer by Elder woodruff After which the Chur
ches were represented Garway 104. 3.1.2.1.
Areop Do (12 02 10) Ewis Harrald (4, .1..)
Longtown (10. 1, 1, 00) (Total 134. 56 41) Moved
& Carried that John Needham be ordained Elder
William Morris Priest & Thomas Rough Teacher
the above were then ordained under the hands of
Elders woodruff & Richards, one was Baptized
meeting adjourned untill 3 o'clock
we met again again at 3 o-clock Elder Richards
spoke I followed him, After meeting the Saints con
-tributed £1. pounds to help me on my Journey home &
then took the parting hand with the Saints After selling
them 3 Books of Mormon & 50 Addresses to the
citizens of London the Books of mormon were
five shillings each & the Addresses one penny, which
came to about £1. in all I walked with Br Levi
Richards to Br Holleys & spent the night this is
the first time I have seen Br Levi Richards for
about two years 5 miles

7th I walked in Company with Elder Richards &
Thomas Pitt. To the City of Hereford Elder Hay & others
had been Preaching in this town & the people were
much stired up, on Sunday a Preacher arose
before two or three thousand in the market house
& informed them that he had a fresh letter Direct from
America showing the origen of the Book of Mormon

to be fals + so he arose + read the same old Spalding
story. when he got through Elder Richards arose +
informed the people that instead of its being a new
story it had been published for two years through
the united States + also through England, this creat-
ed a great uproar among the people, for while some
were for driving the man out of the place for lying
others were crouding around Elders Richards
+ Way to hear them preach, but the croud was so excited
they left the ground with hundreds following them
their never was a time when the inhabitants of the
earth was so much stired up + wishing to hear the
Latter Day Saints as at the present time, it was hardly
expected we should get through the city without
having Crouds around us, however we did, we had a
view of the Hereford Cathedral as we passed along. we
called at Sister Buftons their is a small branch of 17
members in Hereford pop 20.000 we parted with
Br Pitt in this city + walked to Lugwardine met with
Elder Pitt on the way, who was going to Hereford to hold
a meeting, we called at Elder Greens found several
of the family sick we lade hands upon them + pray
with them, I met with the Church, in Lugwardine for
the last time I preached from the 24ch of Isaiah,
the Church contributed £0.12 shillings to assist me on
the journey we spent the night at Br William Greens, 13.

10th We walked to Shucknell hill + had an interesting
meeting with the Saints I preached upon the gathering
to Zion + Jerusalem + bid them farewell as it
was the last time I should meet with them they put
into my hands £0.3 shillings but were mostly poor.

3m

11th We walked to Standly Hill, + Dined with Br
Edward Oakey, was truly glad to see this Brother
once more, he walked with us through Standly Hill
we called upon Br Pullin + Badham + other Saints
it had been 6 months since I had been through this part
of the Country, we walked to Ledbery + held a meeting
with the Saints, Sister Fidler was present it being the
first time I have seen her, she has been a member
of Lord Summers family from a child but is
now rejected for receiving the fulness of the Gospel
Lord Summers has died since he rejected her

+ March 12th 1841 Mrs Smith has commanded her soon
to leave she wishes to gather with the Saints
to Zion the Saints gave me £ 0. 17 shillings
we spent the night at Br Pullins we herd
by letter from Elder Glover that Elders Orson
Hide & G D Adams had just arrived from N Y

12th I wrote a letter to Elder Snow (13m
+ one to Elder Young walked to the Green way +
preached at Br Palmers on the parable of the Prophet
Jonas, we then walked to Br Thomas Pitt. + to
Br Robert Clift + spent the night we confirmed
one Blessed one child administered to 5 sick
Persons had a pressent of 3 shillings 5 miles

13th we had a interview with Sister Margaret
Morgan who was firm in the faith + wished to gather
with the Saints, she asked some Council which
we freely gave her we walked to Turley.
Hall Elderfield Worcestershire + spent the
night at Br Hills I was quite Ill through the night
Distance of the Day 10 miles

14th Sunday I Broke bread unto the Saints in the
morning + spoke upon the gathering in the afternoon
I preached to a large Congregation upon the gathering
there seems to be many Saints desireous to gather
that are poor + have not means may the Lord
(deliver them
15 Conference at Gadfield Elm Chapel

The Bran Green + Gadfield Elm Conferan
-ce of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
Day Saints was held at the Gadfield Elm Chapel
on the 15 Day of March AD 1841. Meeting
Called to order by Elder Woodruff + ~~when~~
there being present 1 of the Traveling High
Council, 1 High Priest, 10 Elders 21 Priest
6 Teachers + 1 Deacon, It was mooved by
Elder Richards Seconded by Elder Herlich
that Elder W. Woodruff be President of the
meeting, + Priest John Hill Clerk, Carried
Conference opened by Prayer + singing by
the President when the following Churches

were represented					2 removed			
Branch at Lime Street				number	33.	E	P	M
Haw Cross	Ditto	=	=		14	=	31	=
Bran Green	Represented				14	=	31	=
Frogs Marsh	Do	=			9	1	=	=
Deerest	17	Removed	=	=	21	1	=	=
Apperly	4	Removed	1	Died	23	=	3	=
Walton Hill	3	Do	=	=	9	=	=	1
Leigh	14	Do	=	=	33	=	2	=
Norton	=	=	=		17	1	1	1
Twigworth	=	=	=		14	=	1	=
Cheltenham	5	Removed			50	=	5	1
Dymock	5	Removed	2	expeled	51	3.	7	4
Kilcot	=	=			14	=	1	=
Forrest of Dean		=			12	=	1	=
Pinvin	=	=	=		14	1	1	1
Nauton Beachom		=			7	=	1	=
Hill Common		=			14	1	=	=
Fly Ford	=	=			4		1	
High Headon	1	Removed	=		2			
Removed 41				Total	367	4.	33.	11.
					41			
				Total	404			

Meeting adjourned to 2 o-clock
Met according to adjournment—opened by-
singing & Prayer by Elder Levi Richards
Moved & Carried that Henry Webb be ordained
a Priest Elders Woodruff & Richards ordained
him confirmed one & blessed one child, Much
instruction & Council was given by Elders
Woodruff & Richards, which gave much ~~instru~~
~~ction~~ Satisfaction to the meeting which Concluded by singing & Prayer

Willford Woodruff President
John Hill -- Clerk

(We received 3 letters)

We had a very interesting time at the Conference, had a large assembly of Saints, It is the last Conference I shall ever attend at God Elm Chapel I had quite a time in taking the parting hand with the multitude of Saints who were present, we closed our meeting without any disturbance from the mob who were present & was kept quiet by the

Police who were present, but dressed in disguise
After Conference closed a Scene followed not
easily described, I never saw a time when I needed
more wisdom in order to council in wrightousness
than on this occasion or during my travels among
the Churches, for the Saints universally feel
that the Judgments of God are near in this land
& are anxious to gather with the Saints in Nauvoo
as soon as possible but many are very poor & see
no door open as yet, & some are placed in all the
perplexing circumstances that possible can be, & are
flocking around me by Scores at a time & asking
Council what to do, Assoon as meeting closed multitudes crouded around me, many hands were presented
on every side to bid me fare well many calling for me
to bless them before I leave them, others crying
out lay hands on me & heal me before you go, Br.
Woodruff I am turned out of Doors for my religion
what shall I do, I am all ready to go to Zion my wife
wont go with me shall I go & leave her. My
Husband beats me & turns me out of Doors because I
have been Baptized I have got money enough to
carry me & the Children to Zion will you let me
go without hime, Br Woodruff one word with
you my Mother is over 80 years of age & has
willed me £60. pounds at her Death but will not
emigrate with me, now I want to go with the Saints
must I stay for her to die or may I go & leave her
Br Woodruff I have sold my little place shall have
£30 pounds to morrow but must go out of the
house into the street this will not quite carry
my family to America can you help me to a
few pounds or tell me what to do, An Elder
cries out how much longer must I preach in
England before you will let me go to America,
Br woodruff dont you come & preach to us in
Cheltenham, wont you go home & take some tea with
me, My head is in great pain wont you heal me,
I want you to consecrate these bottles of Oil before
you go, Good by, Good by, Good by God bless you
Br woodruff the friends are waiting a long time
for you, Are you going I want a little council
from you, Br woodruff may I go to America
with you, Say may we take an English ship to

Nauvoo via of Quebeck in Canida, March 16th 1841
Justifyed if I have an opportunity of Going to miss
of the opportunity for the purpose of tarrying
awhile for my mother: Will you write to me.
Remember me to Mrs Woodruff (Margaret Morgan)
Good by, I have been waiting along time to get a
chance to speak to you:: THESE and a thousa
nd other questions were asked me in the term of
an hour or more, + I needed as much wisdom
as Solomon to be a councellor in the midst of such
a scene, And ~~which~~ when I left the chapel
many were still waiting for a little Council upon a
variety of subjects which they did not get for
the want of time many parted with me with tears
in their eyes, many of the Brethren + Sisters follow
me to Turkey Hall where I spent the night, + filled
the house untill a late hour Begging Council +
instruction at my hand among whome was a
Baptist Minister; who had just been Baptized
+ ordained a Priest, In fine these scenaries of
meeting in Conference + parting with the Saints
cannot be described. The Saints Contributed
£2 pounds for my necessities, I wrote a letter
to Elders Young + Richards, distance 4 miles

16th I walked in Company with Elder Needham
to Keysend Street I recieved a letter from
Elder G A Smith who informed me of the Death
of Sister Bentley the widow of the late David
W. Patten one of the Twelve Apostles who was
martered in America I met with a crowded con-
gregation of the Saints, + preached unto them, my
mind is Deeply impressed with the necessity of urging
the gathering of the Saints, this at the present time
seems to be the most important + almost the
only subject that I feel to covers about while
among the Churches, The Saints Contributed
£0 6 shillings for me I walked home with Br James
Baldwin + Conversed untill 2 o'clock + spent the
night Distance of the Day 4 miles
11th [illegible] I Conversed
with many Saints upon the subject of Gathering

I walked to wind Point, March 18th 1841 while on the way I went
into the Giants Cave on Malvern Hills it was
dug out of a solid Rock Dimentions as follows the
mouth was 6 by 4 feet 12 feet in length & ship
the stone that Coverd the mouth had rolled down
the Hill, After taking a view of this I went
down the Hill visited the Saints at wind point from
thence to Colwall met with a large Congregation
of Saints & preached to them upon the Gathering
among whome was Elders James & Henry Jones
who like Paul had been great persecutors of the
Saints but had now embraced it & was preachin
the gospel which they once persecuted. the
Saints Donated £0 6 Shillings to help me on
my Journey on my returne home I spent the
night at Br Jonathan Tocys 4 miles
I recieved a letter from Elder L. Snow in London
he says the work is rolling on in thar City he
Baptized on Sunday we also recieved a letter
from Elders Young & Richards

19th I had an interview with Elder Richards
I then walked over Malvern Hill Called upon Elder
Samuel Jones, we walked throgh great Malv-
ern, from thence to the bottom of the link &
Called upon Elder Henry Jones from thence to
Crowcol & held a meeting at Br George Brooks
& had an interesting meeting with a large
number of the Saints which I Baptized about
a year ago I spent the night at Hay wood Cross
at Sister Baylis 4 miles
The saints donated £0 6 shillings

19th Sister Baylis let me have a pair of Black
Kid gloves of her own make, I walked to Dumclose
visiting many Saints by the way laying hands
upon the Sick &c. All appeared happy to see
me, as I had Baptized most of them about
a year since. I preached at Dumclose at the
house of Edward Jinkins to a crowded Congr-
egation a wicked rabble disturbed the meet-
ing much, I felt constrained to sharply reprove
them in the power of God. the Saints Contri
buted £0 6 shillings for me I spent the night with Br
Rowley distance of the Day 6 miles

March 20th 1841

20th A very rainy Day Sister Mary Jenkins accompanied me as a pilot to Rough Leaser from thence to Midway Cross as I did not know the road, here I found Elder Thomas Clark at his Stone quiry I took several specimins of curious petrified Stone formed by the water; we then walked to Froom Hill. visiting the Saints by the way. I called upon Priest hood Benbow & family & conversed some with them, I spent the night with Br John Cole I feel much at home there distance of the day 4 miles

21st Sunday this is the last Sabbath I shall ever meet with the Saints in Stanley & Froom Hill I met the Saints in the morning at Br John Coles at Frooms Hill had a crouded House & good attention I preached upon the Gathering of the Saints I also met with the Saints in the afternoon at Standly Hill, had a full house, I commenced with the Saints at the close of the meeting I had a busy time in shaking hands with the Saints & parting with them many wished me to Blessed others to heal them, the Saints gave me 10 shillings 6 I spent the night with Br Levi Richards at Elder Edward Ockey 3 miles

Minutes of the Standey Hill Conference

The Frooms Hill Conference of the Church of Latter Day Saints met at the house of William Field, Standly Hill Herefordshire, on the 22d of March 1841 at half past ten o'clock A.M. there being present one of the Traveling high Council. 2 High Priest, 20 Elders 30 Priest, 9 Teachers & 2 Deacons
The meeting was called to order by Elder W. Woodruff, when it was moved by Elder Woodruff seconded by Elder Kington that Elder Levi Richards be chosen President of the Conference, Carried Moved & carried that Elder W Woodruff be clerk of the Conference
Meeting opened by Singing & Prayers by Elder Woodruff. The President then called upon the Officers to represent the various Churches

Elder Joseph Pullen represented the Stan Hill Branch as containing members

	E	P	T	D	Rem
	40	1	½	2	0	½	
Elder Thomas Clark Do Froome Hill	13	7	3	½	½	1	2
Timothy Gittins Do Ridgeway Cross	49	1	2	3	1	=	
William Matthews Do Calwell =	23	1	½	1	1	=	(1)
Thomas Jones. P. Do Pale House	13	=	2	1	=	=	(1)
Priest Frances Pullen Do Ledbury	42	=	½	2	=	=	
P. Robert Baldwin Do Hiersend street	17	6	2	5	2	1	= (5)
P. Wm Matthews Do Wind point	23	1	2	1	1	=	(1)
E. Samuel Badham Do Woofer wood Common	16	1	1	=	=		
P. James Williams, Densclose =	40	1	3	2	=		
E. James Jones Ditto Crowcutt	36	=	½	=	=		1
Ditto = = Old Starridge	30	½	1	=	=		
P. James Jeff Do Shucknell Hill	44	1	½	1	=		(2)
Elder Wm Kay Do. Lugwardin	41	2	5	1	1		(2)
Ditto = = Mardin	29	=	1	=	=		
Elder Wm Evans Do Stokes Lane	65	3	½	2	1		5 (3)
Elder John Fidoe Do Bishop Froom	13	1	=	=	=		
= James Jones Do Clifton	32	=	2	=	=		
E Samuel Badham Do Bromyard Down	19	=	1	1	=		
P. Samuel Williams Do Marlvern Hill	25	=	3	1	=		1
Ditto = = Powyck	7	=	2	=	=		
P. Joseph Firkins Do Derby Common	2	=	1	=	=		
P Henry Layton. Mathon = =	32	=	3	2	=		
E. George Allen Do Bales Gate =	6						
Do Do Ivy house	3	=	=	1	=		
Do = Coomesmore	½						
Do = Brimsty =	1						
Do = Bushbank =	1						
Do = Worcester Broad Heath	21	=	1				
Do = = Kinnoson =	1						
E James Barnes Do Michael church	9						
Do Do Stoke Prior	1						
Elder T. Kington represents Bristol	12	2	=	=	=		
	955	29	69	21	8	12	(24)
	51						
24 Expeled 12 Removed 4 Died And 11 added by Baptism Total.	1008						

Moved & Carried that Robert Cummerly be ordained to the office of an Elder; Also that Edward Philips & John Spires be ordained an Elders also that William Rowley be ordained to the office of a Deacon Also that Br. Thomas Bishop be ordained a Priest the above named persons were then ordained

under the hands of Elders Woodruff. Richards & T. Kington.

Conference was then adjourned till half past two o-clock

Met according to adjournment meeting opened by singing & Prayer by the president, Elder Kington then addressed the meeting was followed by Elder Richards, after which Elder Woodruff delivered his farewell addressed to the conference & Saints in general.

The ~~meeting~~ minutes were then read & accepted by the Conference, when the meeting closed by singing & Benediction by Elder Woodruff

Levi Richards President
Willford Woodruff Clerk

After meeting Dissmissed I spent about three hours in shaking hands with the Saints healing the sick, giving Council, Concerning a thousand questions & things that were presented before me by the multitude which surrounded me many were in tears as they parted from me, Nearly fifty Saints came to me & wished me to take them to Zion when I had not means to take myself I however gave Sister Foxal £6. pounds to make up enough to help her & her husband & Children to the land of America, She had £30. pounds but not quite enough to help her family over, & she had used every exhertion for six months by puting faith & works together to try to gather with the Saints, & this was a donation from Elder Edward Oekey who is imparting of his substance to help the poor Saints It caused me peculiar feelings to part with these Saint & to meditate upon the fruits of my labours & what had followed in that field during 1840 The following is the sum Total represented in that region

Galway Conference represented	134	£6.14.1.	
Sadfield Elm Conference represented	404	4.38.11.1.	
Standly Hill Conference represented	100	27.6.9.2½	
Total = = =	15.50	40.	106 12.19.
	members	E	P W D
	1550	40	106 42 10

Thus the Lord has given me the desire of my heart
+ Blessed me far beyond my expectations
for I am now privileged of teaching more
than fifteen hundred Saints in this interes
ting field which I first opened one year
ago the 6th of this present months, all of
which have embraced the work since that
Date many of ~~which~~ the Saints have gathered to
Zion from that region + the rest are anxious
to go + owmly waiting for a door to be open for
them. I have never seen so many Saints
receive the work of God in so short a time +
so many ordained Elders Priests +c as on
this occasion, + what adds much joy + consola
tion to ~~my~~ mind while reflecting upon this
subject is that (with very few exceptions) the
Officers + members universally have maintained
their integrity kept the faith + are faithfully
passing through many trials for Christ Sake

After Bidding the Multitude of Saints farewell
I went to Elder Edward Ockey to spend the
night I was accompanied by Elders Richards
Wilson, + Wolf. We had not been in the house but
a short before three of Edward Ockeys Brothers
came into the house for the purpose of contending +
having a contest with me; Because their Brother
+ Sister had embraced the fulness of the gospel +
was about to gather with the saints of God, to the
land of Zion they manifested much wrath against
me, + after conversing about 3 hours upon various
subjects, During which time they brought railing
accusation against us, + after Br Ockey had
faithfully warned them + born ~~faithful~~ testimony
unto his Brethren of the truth of the work of
God + the fullness of the Gospel they left the house
+ we were once more in peace, + after convers
ing together untill the third watch of the night
we retired to rest which closed the scenes of
one of the busiest days of my life

2 miles

March 23d 1841

March 23d I arose in the morning refreshed by sleep + after Conversing several hours with Elders Richards Kington. Kay + Ockey + others I was under the necessity of taking the parting hand with the Saints in this region, + among others with Br Edward + Sister Ann Ockey, these are a Brother + sister of one family + the onely ones of the Ockey family that have received the fulness of the gospel as they + their friends are popular + wealthy they have had many trials to pass through in order to do the will of God. maintain their faith & Integrity + prepair to gather with the Saints of God, for their Brothers are exceeding mad against them, But Br Ockey has maintained his integrity like a man of God, when his Brothers has come after him in anger + abused him + the Servants of God that

were in his house March 24 22 1841 he has boldly stood up in defence
of the faith bore record of the truth of the
work + faithfully warned his Brethren to
obey the gospel, he is making every preperation to
gather with the Saints + help as many as he can to
Do the same, Sister Ann appears willing to do the
same, But has some fears that her Brothers will
hender her getting ready + gathering with the
saints she wishes me to Pray that God will
deliver her, As I bid her farewell she put into
my hands 5 & 6 A crown + A Peace of paper containing
the following lines. To my Dear Friend

Oh say not we are Parted
While our Souls can meet in prayer
While there is a throne of love
And one hope unites us there

When the first light of the morning
First tints the east with red
I pray that heavens best blessings
May be showerd on thy head

And when evenings lengthning shadows
Recall the hour of Prayer
There is no mercy that I crave
But thy dear name is there

(Good Bye)

When from the friend we dearly love
Fate tels us we must part
By words we Can but feebly prove
The anguish of the heart
And in soft words how'er sincere
Can half so much imply
As that suppressed + trembling tear
Which drowns the word good bye

Tho oceans may between us spread
And distant be our lot
Ah' tho we part to meet no more
Dear Friend forget me not

A. O. to W. Woodruff A Ockey

I then walked to Erooms Hill Conversed with
the Elders until 2 oclock I then took the parting hand
with Elders L, Richards T Kington, May + others, + took
about 20 lbs wait in my travelling bag + walked 15 miles
in four hours, to worcester when I arived there I was
so very lame with my heavy load + fast walking that
I could scercely walk, I then took the rail road +
arived in Birmingham at 10 oclock was exceeding lame
+ weary I spent the night with Elder James Riley,
chair maker 24 Park street Birmingham 4 1/4 to 10 m

24 I visited the Brass foundery in Birmingham then
traveled to West Bromwich + called to Br Smiths then
to Greets Green + spent the evening at Br walters
I administered to 6 that were sick, returned + spent
the night at Br Smith 4 1/4 10 miles

March 25 1841

March 25 I took Coach & rode to Hanley & stopd with Br John Taylor I hear great report of war all through the country against America, I wrote a letter to Elder Lorenzo Snow, I had an interview in the evening with Elder G. A Smith we met a large Congregation of the Saints in the Hanley Room Elder Smith first addressed the meeting & I followed him, after meeting was dismissed, many of the Saints went with us to Br Majors & we spent several hours in talking & I read the 11th No of the Star which was Interesting it contained an interesting account letter from President Joseph Smith to the Quorum of the Twelve in answer to some which we had written him, I then walked to Br William Box in Pickhill St[illegible] & spent the night with Br Smith, I am happy to learn that the work of the Lord is rapidly prospering in these Staffordshire Potteries & many are added to the Church.

Distance of the day 4 5 miles

26th I engaged Elder John Taylor to make make me som clothing which consisted of one Black Broad cloth Dress coat, waist coat & Trowsers, one Blue Broad cloth Frock Coat & silk velvet waistcoat, The cloth, triming & making with the additions of two shirts amounted to £9. 10 about $45 dollars all of which I paid him, I persued this course as I stood in need of clothing & it being much cheaper than it was in America, I walked to Sister Mary, & Br Sampson Bridgwood from thence to Longend & visited many of the Saints, I had a pleasant interview with Brother Noon I spent the night at Elder Plasters he is a stone Cutter & engraver

Distance of the Day 6 miles

27th Before I took my leave of the Saints in Longeng or Longton I went to the Water & Baptized 7 persons one was Alexander Barton a Potter, Artist & Modeller I then parted with the Saints & walked to Stoke & dined with Elder Mowley then walked to

New Castle spent some little time at Father March 28th 1841
Rowleys who was very feeble, There is many
silk manufacteurers in New Castle [redacted] Purchased
15 yards of Black Silk for a dress for Phebe at
4/2 per yard (£1 12 6. & 7 yards of lineing at 1/4
per yard (£0 2 7½) this was considerd as
Cheap (£1. 15. 1½) as any Could be Bought
in England according to the quality I
walked with several Brethren to Hanley
& Sat in Council with many of the Officers
among other business that was brought up
was the case of a Brother Trumfort
who was ingaged in the Magic or Blackart
fortune telling &c which prevails to a great
extent in this Country but as he persisted in
his course after being labourd with the
Council withdrew fellowship from him, ~~others~~
He was holding the Office of a Priest
& one thing is worthy of notice that while the
priesthood was upon him, he could not see
his magick glasses as before until after he
ceased to fill the Priest Office & rejected
our Council I spent the night at Brother
Box who had been sorely tempted of the
Devil for many Days we laid hands upon
him & cast the Devil out, & he had peace.10

Staffordshire Conference

of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
Day Saints met according to adiournment &
by appointment in the Majestrates assembly
Room in Hanley on Sunday the 28th Day of
March. there being Present W. Woodruff &
G. A. Smith of the Travelling High Council
& one High Priest 13 Elders 24 Priest 10 Teachers
& 4 Deacons the meeting was called to
order by Elder Woodroff at half past ten o'clock
when it was moved by Elder Woodruff seconded
ed by Elder Simpson that Elder G A Smith
be appointed President of the Conference
Carried Unanimously

moved + Carried that Br W. J. Fitcher + O. Shaw be Clerks of the meeting.

Moved + Carried that Brothers Player, Taylor Simpson of Burrows. be appointed to assist in the business of the Day keeping order &c

The President opened the meeting by Singing + Prayer + then called upon the Officers to Represent the various Branches of the Church when Elder Cordon read the minutes of the Birmingham Conference which represented

	Members	E	P	T	D
Birmingham Conference	1 12	2	11	5	2
Ditto Leeds Conference	617	2	9	2	2
Elder M Steel Do = Cox Bank =	34		1	1	1
E Wm Bradbury Do Knutton =	14		2	1	
Ditto = Bradley Green	7				1
Elder Whittaker Ditto Longton	102	2	6	3	1
H Booth Do Badley Edge	19		1		1
E W. Smith Do New Castle	14	1	3	1	1
E Rowley Do Stoke = =	19	1	4	1	1
E W. Bradbury Do Hanley & Burslem	144	6	4	4	1
E C Stephenson Do Tunstall	23	1	2	1	1
Br Vernon Do Chesterfield	10				
Do Minutes of Macclesfield Conference	91	2	4	6	3
Do = = Scattered	7				
Total = one High Priest	663	17 5	54	25 4	14
				Brothers 32	16

If It was then moved + Carried that Brothers T. J. Fitcher J. Taylor O Shaw, W Ridge + H Booth be ordained Elders Also Brothers

W. Edwards H Simpson
Wm Bradbury J Robinson
E Parker Wm Evans
J Forister & J. Kent Be ordained Priests
Also. D Johnson T. Ball
C Taylor J. Billington
T Silcock C. Crocott
& W. Alcock be ordained Teachers
Also R. Brown & H Billington be ordained Deacons

The Conference then Adjourned untill half past 2. o-clock

After according to adjournment President opened meeting by Prayer After which is of those named for ordination were ordained under the hands of Elders Woodruff, Smith & Cordon, Moved & Carried that the remaining ordinations nominated be attended to by Elder Cordon,

The President then brought up the case of a Br. ~~Plumford~~ Mowmford, who was holding the office of a Priest, from whome fellowship had been withdrawn by the Council of ~~official~~ Officers in Consequence of his practizing fortune Telling, Magic, Black art &c & called upon Elders Woodruff & Cordon to express their feelings upon the subject when Elder Woodruff arose, & spoke Briefly upon the subject, & informed the assembly that we had no such Custom or practice in the church, & that we should not fellowship any individual who Practiced Magic fortune Telling Black art &c for it was not by God when it was moved & Carried by the whole church that fellowship be withdrawn from Br Mowmford

Moved & carried that this Conference grant unto Elders Woodruff & G. A. Smith a letter of recommendation, manifesting that the church in this region, accept of their labours & consider that they have filled their mission with honour & Dignity

Moved & carried that this Conference adjourn for three Months

G A Smith — President
T D Fitcher
O Shaw — Clerks

We had a very interesting Conference on this occasion it being in the Magistrates assembly Room which would hold about 800 which was crouded but in Perfect order much good feeling was manifest during the Day & a prospect of a continual increase in the Potteries I dined with Elder Taylor & spent the night with Br Box

March 29th I walked to Burslem March 29th 1841 Spent the
Day at Br Johnson's Br J. H. Smith + Myself
packed up some Crockery or China ware that
was given us by the Saints We met the officers
in Council at the Family room + gave them
such advise as we thought wisdom had a good
time + took our farewell of them Spent the
night at Br Johnsons 10miles

Ap 1st I wrote a letter to Elder D. C Smith at Nauvoo
soon we parted with the Saints in Burslem took
Coach + rode to Manchester 7 miles called at
the Shop or abode of Elder P. P Pratt 17 Oxford
Street Manchester he had moved his station
from 149 oldham Road to this place, I found
him enjoying good health also his family I
Saw the times + Seasons up to the 1st No was
much edified with its Contents, we also receiv
ed many letters from Nauvoo one from Br Joseph
to the Twelve one from D.C. Smith to G. A Smith
with one from Elder Clayton giving an account
of the journey of Elders Hurlet Benbow +
Company all of which was interesting, I spent
the night at Br Brewshaws 7 miles

31st I had the perusal of the three first Numbers
of the Gospel Reflector Published By B. Winchester
Elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day
Saints in Philadelphia Also the Journal of Elder
Heber C Kimball, lately published by O. B Thomp
son in Nauvoo I wrote a letter to Sister Morgan
Ap I received a letter from Mother Woodruff

April 1st A. I wrote a letter to New York for
a Sister who was in poverty through sickness I
also wrote a letter to the Editor of the
Star. I had the happy privilege this day of Striking
hands with the following persons of the quorum of
the Twelve Brigham Young Heber Chimball
Orson Hide Parley P. Pratt Willard Richards
Willford Woodruff + G. A Smith we had a happy
time together; this is the first time I have seen
Elder Hide in England. He spoke of the situation
of things in New York + upon other subjects

2d April we have taken up our abode + lodgings at Br Brewshaws No 4 Gray Street Oxford street at which place the quorum of the Twelve will hold their councils, I met today in the Council of which the Twelve we had a good time unity prevailed, I spent the night with Elder Richards at Br Hardmans

3d I wrote a letter to Elder Edward Ockey I met in the Council of the Twelve being nine of our Quorum together viz B. Young H. C. Kimball O. Hide P. P Pratt O Pratt W. Richards W. Woodruff — J. Taylor + G. A. Smith. + we done much business + had a good time being united

4th Sunday we met the church in Manchester + had a good time Elder George J. Adams preached in the morning, Elder Smith + myself administered the Sacrament to the Congregation in the Afternoon after which all of the quorum of the Twelve who were present being 9 in number arose + bore testimony of the truth of the fulness of the Gospel, the Book of Mormon &c It is seldom that any Congregation is privileged with as much testimony as on this occasion for this is the first time that so many of the Twelve have met together for about four years Elder O Hide Preached in the evening upon the gathering of Israel from the 31st of Jeremiah much testimony was produced which was unto edification, 11 were confirmed

5th I again met in Council with the Twelve according to adjournment + transacted some business + talked about many things perfect union + harmony prevailed in all the deliberations of our Councils for the last four days, many of the Elders came in in the evening which I was glad to see among whom was Elders, Levi Richards A. Gordon Morgan Snow, Alexander Wright, George D Watt + others I have felt the voice ~~Stanting~~ of the spirit stealing across my breast for the last few days whispering that I should lift up my voice unto the people of Maine Connecticut, + other places Newhaven especially when I return

The following is the entire minutes of the Besiness of the qeorom of the Twelve for Several Days in Succes;

Manchester England April 2d 1841

This Day Elders Brigham Young Heber C Kimball, Orson Hide. Parley P Pratt Willard Richards, Wilford Woodru ff John Taylor. + G A. Smith of the Quorum of the Twelve met together at the house of Br James Beushes Coachman No 4 Gray Street—near OXford Road in this City in Council after having been seperated + dispersed in various Countries for the last four years

To meet once more in Council after a long seperation and having passed through many sore and grievous trials exposing our lives + our Characters to the slander and violence of wicked + murderous men, caused our hearts to swell with gratitude to God for his providential care over us === Elder Young opened the council by prayer

Elders B. Young H. C Kimball and P. P. Pratt the Committee appointed about a year ago to secure a copyright of the Book of Mormon in the name of Joseph Smith Presented the following certificate

Feb. 4th 1841

This then entered for his Copy the property of Joseph Smith Jun the Book of Mormon an account written by the hand of Mormon upon plates taken from the plates of Nephi— Translated by Joseph Smith jr First European from the Second American Edition

Received five Copies George Greenhill

The above is a true Copy of an Entry in the Rejister Book of the Company of Stationers Kept at the Hall of the Said Company

Witness my hand this 11th Day of Febuary 1841

George Greenhill

Warehouse keeper of the Company of Stationers

The quorum voted that they accepted the labours of Said Committee

Resolved that as the quorum of the Twelve have had nothing to do with the printing of the Book of Mormon they will not now interfere with it, but that the Said

committee settle the financial & business matters April 3d 1841
thereof with Joseph Smith Jun to whom the profits
rightly belong.
Resolved that Elder Amos Fielding be appointed
to superintend fitting out the Saints from Liverpool
to America under the instructions of Elder P.P. Pratt
Resolved that Brother G. J. Adams go to Bedford
& Northampton and labour in that region.
Adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow A.M.
Elder Kimball closed by Prayer
Orson Hide clerk

Manchester April 3rd 1841
This day the quorum of the Twelve met pursuant
to adjournment The President called upon
Elder Hyde to open by Prayer, which was accordingly
done. The Quorum then signed a letter of Comm.
-endation to the churches in England for Elder Hyde
The Business of Publishing the Star & Hymn Book
was then taken into consideration, Br John Taylor
moved that that those who have had the care and
superintendency of publishing the Star & Hymn Book
should dispose of them according to their own wishes
& dispose of the proceeds in the same way, seconded
by Elder O. Pratt and carried by a unanimous vote
Moved by Elder Young seconded by Elder Richards
that Elder Parley P. Pratt conduct the Publication
of the Millennial Star as Editor and Sole proprietor
of the same after the close of this present volumn
Resolved that Elder P.P. Pratt reprint the Hymn Book
if he deem it expedient — the hymn Book is not to
be altered except the typhographical errors, the
above resolve was moved by Elder G.A. Smith seconded
by Elder W. Woodruff carried unanimously
Conference adjourned Orson Hyde clerk

Manchester April 5th 1841 Met pursuent to adjo
-urnment, Elder Orson Pratt opened the Council by
Prayer; It was ~~moved~~ resolved that the 14th day
of April be the day appointed for the Twelve who
are going to America to set sail from Liverpool
this was moved by Elder Richards and seconded by
Elder woodruff & carried by a unanimous vote

Moved by Elder Kimball April 6th 1841
seconded by Elder Woodruff
that the Twelve do business at the Conference as a
quorum & call upon the Church or Conference to sanction
it. Adjourned till the 6th inst to meet in general
Conference at Carpenters Hall at 10 o'clock A. M.
{{O. Hyde Clerk}}

Wm Ewart wrote a letter to Elder John Taylor, Tailor

CONFERENCE MINUTES

The Council of the Twelve assembled at Manchester
in the Carpenters Hall, on the 6th day of April 1841 for
the first time to transact business as a quorum in a
foreign land; being the first day of the 12th year of the
rise of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day
Saints. Nine of the quorum were
present viz B. Young H.C. Kimball O. Hyde. P.P. Pratt
O Pratt W. Richards, W. Woodruff J. Taylor &
Geo A. Smith. President Young having
called the house to order & organized the conference
then opened by Prayer
Elder Thomas Ward was then chosen clerk
The President then made some introductory remar
ks relative to the organization of the Church in the
house of the Lord in America in reference
to the different quorums in their respective orders and
Authorities in the Church

The representations of the Churches & Conferences
throughout the Kingdom were then called for
(which were represented as follows)

Locations		By whom Represented	Members	Elders	Priest	Teachers	Deacons
Manchester = = =	P.P.	Pratt	443	7	15	9	0
Clitheroe Conference =	H.C.	Kimball	318	6	12	13	3
Preston do = = =	P.	Melling	675	11	15	13	3
Liverpool = = = =	J.	Taylor	190	9	4	4	3
Isle of Man	Do.	Do ..	90	2	4	2	0
London Conference ...	L.	Snow	137	3	4	4	2
Birmingham do	A.	Cordon	110	4	13	4	1
Staffordshire Conference .	Do	Do ..	514	19	49	24	16
Garway Conference	W.	Woodruff	134	5	6	4	1
Gadfield Elm do	Do	Do ...	408	4	33	11	1
Frooms Hill do	Do	Do ...	1008	27	67	27	8
Edinburgh (Scotland)	O,	Pratt	203	6	9	6	2
Glasgow Paisley Johnstone Bridge of Weir and ..... Thorney Bank	R	Hedlock	368	12	15	13	11
Ireland, ...	T.	Curtis	35	2	0	1	0
Wales, ...	J	Burnham	170	2	5	3	3
New Castle upon Tyne, ..	A	Fielding	23	1	3	1	0
Alston, ...	J	Sanders	26	1	0	1	0
Brampton	do	do ..	46	0	1	0	0
Carlisle, ...	do	do ..	43	1	0	0	0
Bolton	Elder	Crooks	189	1	11	4	1
Derbinfield	J	Albertson	120	2	4	3	2
Stockport	Elder	Mason	161	1	5	2	2
Northwich, Middlewich to	S,	Heath	112	2	6	6	6
Oldham	Wm	Black	46	1	4	1	2
Eccles	..	..	24	1	3	1	0
Pendlebury	..	..	62	0	2	1	1
Whitefield, ...	..	..	41	1	2	3	0
Radcliffe Bridge, ...	..	..	14	1	3	0	0
		Total	5414*	136	303	169	68

* Near eight hundred Saints have emigrated to America during the past season who are not included in this representation

After these representations the Conference adjourned at 12 o'clock till 2 P.M.

The Conference met persuant to adjournment. Opened by Prayer
Scattering members were then represented consisting of near 50 not included in any of the above branches

The President then proceded to make some remarks on the office of Patriarch and Concluded by moving that Elder Albertson be ordained to that office. This was Seconded by Elder Kimball and carried unanimously.

Resolved that
D. Watt — Thomas Richardson
G. J. Adams — James Whitehead
Amos Fielding — Thomas Dunville
Wm. Kay — James Galley
John Sanders — George Simpson
J. Riley — Be Ordained High Priest

Resolved that the following persons be ordained Elders
viz Wm. Miller — Joseph Brotherton
Wm Leach — Richard Benson
John Sands — Theophilus Brotherton
Wm Woon — John Mc. Ulwick
Wm. Hardman + Wm Green
Wm. Black
John Goodfellow * * *

The Council then proceded to organize all the Churches into Conferences throughout the Kingdom & appoint presiding Elders over them
The Conference then adjourned till 9 o'clock

Met persuant to adjournment open by prayer + Singing
The Patriarch P. Mellen was then called upon to pronounce a Patriarchal blessing upon the head of John Albertson Previous to his being ordained to the office of Patriarch He then laid his hands upon him + Blessed him * * See Millennial Star 303 page
The Twelve then laid hands on J. Albertson + ordained him to the office of Patriarch

The High Priest & Elders were then Ordained, + much Council was given from the President + others of the Twelve

A very richly ornamented Cake a present from New York from Elder Adams wife to the Twelve was then exhibited to the meeting. This was blessed by them + distributed to all

the officers & members & to the whole congregation April 7th 1841
consisting of about seven hundred people, A large fragment
was left for some who were not present, while the cake
was passing P.P.Pratt composed the following lines

When in far Distant regions
As Strangers we roam
Far away from our Country
Our friends and our home
When sinking in Sorrow
Fresh Courage we'll take
As we think on our friends
And remember the CAKE

Elder O Hide appealed powerfully
to the meeting & Covenanted
with the Saints present in a
bond of mutual prayer during
his mission to Jerusalem and the
east which was sustained on
the part of the hearers with
a harty Amen

The number of official members present at this Conference was then taken viz

Quorum of the Travelling High Council	7
Patriarchs	2
High Priest	16
Quorum of the Seventies	2
Elders	31
Priest	26
Teachers	17
Deacons	2

Elder Joseph Fielding made
some remarks, & spoke of
the rich cake, considered it
a type of the good things of
that land from whence it
came & from whence they
had received the fulness of the
gospel ** after a hymn was
sung Elder Young blessed the
congregation and dismissed them

Brigham Young Chairman
Thomas Ward clerk

April 7th I called at Elder P P Pratts Book store
44 Oxford street & found his house full of Elders
many of whom were about parting to go into
their field of labour; The clerk of our Conference
was somwhat in trouble as he had this morning
lost all of the minutes of the Conference, & had
to write them over before they could go to press
The Twelve spent a little time in Council in the
fore part of the day & in the afternoon the
Twelve and all the American Brethren, went to B.
Millers & took tea & had an interesting visit
together; Before we left the Twelve laid hands
upon the head of Elder ~~Thumbell~~ Orson Hyde
& Blessed him in the name of the Lord, as he had
been set apart by the first Presidency to take
a mission to the Holy land, the City of Jerusalem
where Jesus Dwelt, for the purpose of laying
the foundation of a great work in that land, this
is the first mission that any man has taken to
the land of Asia belonging to the church of Christ
of Latter Day Saints, Which of the Spirit of
God rested upon us when we blessed him Elder
Kimball was mouth & Elder Taylor Scribe

I walked into April 8th the city (1841) with Br Young & we bought each of us a pair of Pebble Spectacles for the eyes Also a small spy glass, Pebbles were 14/ shillings, the Spy glass 3/6 I wrote a letter to Sister Margaret Morgan

9th I wrote a letter to Elder Edward Ockey Also one to Phebe W. Woodruff. I £4.10 received from Elder John Horlick. by the hand of Elder Levi Richey I spent the ~~day~~ night at Elder walkers with Sna,

10th This is good Friday in England all business is stoped, it is called a Holy Day it is quite a day of recreation among the people Elder Kimball Baptized Br Brotherton He then came to Elder P.P. Pratts & was confirmed, we Dined with him after which we all walked to the Zoological Gardens their was 15 of the American Brethren present, we returned & took tea at Br M'Clendricks I spent the night at Brother Brothertons.

10th I Spent the Day at Br Brewshaws packing up my things into my trunks &c I Bought a trunk & payed £2. for it, I accompanied Elder Taylor to the railway station who took his departure for Liverpool, I spent the night at Br Brewshers 4 mile

11th Sunday I preached in the Carpenters Hall in the morning was followed by P.P. Pratt, I dined at Father Brothertons, The Sacrament was administered in the Afternoon many testified of the work of God, Elder O. Pratt Preached in the evening from Daniel on the kingdoms the four beasts represented the first Beast kingdom of Nebuchednezzar 2d Medes & Persians 3d Macedonian & 4th the Roman kingdom he spoke of this work of the last days he was followed by Elders Kimball Young &c we Spent the night at Br Brawshers

12th I accompanied Elders Young & Kimball to PP Pratts 41 Oxford street PP Pratt gave me £3. for to Hymn Books we then went to No 1. Oldham Street & purchased such articles as we stood in need of in the family the following are the things I bought

April 13th 1841

1	Shawl			6	I also received
1	Do	=	=	9	a present of a
1	Do	=	=	4	dress pattern
3	yards linen	2/	=	6	& 4 spools 6
20	Do Flannel	1/1	= 1	1	4 Balls of cotton
1	Veil	=	=	12	thread both
1/4	lb Silk	25/6	=	6	from sister
1	Ball Twist	=		3	3 Martha Brother
1	lb of black sewing thread			4	= also a sort of a
2	pair of stockings	1/3		2	6 work bag, we
2	Do	=	1/6	3	= dined at Brother
2	Do	=	1/5	2	10 Brotherton's &
2	Cotton Handkerchiefs			2	= then returned
1	Dress Pattern			4	17 to Br Bowsher's
		£4	9	11 1/2	took tea we then

walked out into the city & spent the evening together after which I spent the night with Br B. Hadlock at Br Jones Cookson 8th distance of the day 4 miles.

I received a letter from Edward Ockey
I wrote a letter to Elder Kirkington.

13th I wrote a letter to Elder E. Ockey took a walk in the afternoon through the Manchester fair; in company with Elder Povey & Smith saw a great variety of things one man 8 feet high weight 450 lbs & one pig 1200 lbs one living skeleton, a great variety of wild beasts the largest Elephant in Europe, Lions Tigers & leapords all in one cage, with a man playing with them all, & lying in the midst of them I attended a wedding in the evening & spent the night at Br Bowshers 5 miles

14th I spent the ~~night~~ day counting out the Millennial Stars, I obtained for my share 16/6 whole volums, I bought 2 cases of scissors one box Iron with 2 heaters, 3/, 5 pair of Sissors 3/ one nail hammer 2/ & Elder P. P. Pratt says if I ever carry my hammer to America he will give me a £1 sovereign the first time he sees me at Liverpool will it be in 1844. I had a present of a nice (cl

silk work bag & needle ball from sister Martha
Brotherton I spent the evening preparing my things
for going to Liverpool, I was called to administer
to sister Smith who was very sick, I spent the
night at Br Bewshers

April 15th 1848

15th we sent our trunks & baggage on the baggage
cars & we bid old Manchester with all their wat
init farewell left Elder W. D Pratt his wife &
children in good health & spirits sister Olive frost
was with them in good health we left them
with a Store of Books of Mormon Hymn Book
Voice of warning, Poems, tracts, & Stars for
sale. Elders Young O Pratt, myself, G A Smith
& Levi Richards, took Cars & rode to Liver
-pool. G A Smith & myself took up our abode at
Br Harringtons milk house top of Gunville street
near Mill end Scotland Road Liverpool, we arived
just in time to attend a splendid tea meeting
of the Saints at the music hall Liverpool, 200 Saints
Sat at the table, the Saints have rented this
hall for their meetings it will seat about 2000
this is the first time I have visited Liverpool
since I first landed, It gave me peculiar feeling
to sit down with 200 Saints in this place think
-ing that when we first landed that was not one
in the city for ourselves, after tea we were
introduced to this intelligent body of Saints &
the Quorum of the Twelve addressed them in
few words, after which we were dismissed our
Quorum met a few moments, & concluded
to sail on Tuesday which will make us very
busy until that time I received a letter
from Elder Ivins ton

16th this is an extream busy day many things to
do & little time to do it in the Saints are com
-ing in from various parts of England to sail
for New York on board the Ship Rochester
with us among whom is Br Edward Ockey
& friends, & Br Eldridge & family. I went to Br
Armstrong & got measured for an overcoat

+ a dress April 17th 1841 Black, coat + summer Pantaloons
+ waistcoat, I visited the Agents of the
Ship which we were going on with Elder
Taylor + we detained the Ship one day
on our account, this company will do all
they can to favor us for it is for their
interest as we have already given them many
passengers + shall probably many more
they give us with all our company the second
Cabin + do of a seperate room for our
quorum the fare of each person is £3. 15
+ our quorum half price, their is a great
difference between our landing as we
did in Liverpool on the 11th of Jan 1840
as a stranger in a strange land + penneless
+ our setting Sail on the 20 of April 1841
with a ship load of Saints + all that we
need of this worlds goods to make us comfo
rtable, + having an influence sufficient
to detain a ship a day or two on our account
truly the lord hath blessed us in a manner
not looked for it hath truly been a miricle
what God hath wrought by our hands in
this land since we have been here + I am
astonished when I look at it for during
our stay here we have established church
es in all the most noted cities + towns in
this Kingdom have Baptized more than 5 or 6
souls Printed 5000 Books of mormon 3000
Hymn Books 2500 Volumes of the Millenni
al Star + about 50 ord tracts, + gathered to
the land of Joseph 1000 Souls + established a
great influence among those that trade in ships
at sea + looked for nothing to eat drink or
ware truly the Lord hath been good

17th I bought a pair of Wellington Boots at
£0. 18 shillings spent the day in running to + fro
through the city assisting the Saints I walked
4 miles in the evening on the sea shore with a
company of Saints + Baptized 2 persons one
was Sister Elizabeth Oakey Sister to Edward

Sister Ann Ockey April 18th 1841
accompanied us they much desired to sail with us to America, with their Brother Edward but they were not ready
I retired to my room + bed at midnight very weary with my days labour distance 15 mile

19th Sunday I Preached to about 200 saints + some of the world in the music Hall in Boldst Liverpool in the morning in the afternoon the Twelve bore testimony of the work of ~~worthy~~ God we commenced with the Saints in the evening elder Taylor preached I spent the evening at 64 Leeds st with Elder Edward Ockey + his Sisters + Br Fidoe + family

19th this is one of the most busy days of my life in selling my business + preparing for our voyage home among other things I received the following out of this number of Books I made the following distribution

Books of Mormon			
12 Morocco 9/11	=	£5 4 0	Ezra Carter + family letters
25 gilt edge 11	=	4 15 0	9 Morocco
49 marble edge 6/6	=	28 14 6	Aphek Woodruff + family
35 Sheep 5	=	4 15 0	
		£51.16.6	

+ other Connecticut friends 5 Morocco lettered W. Richards 2 gilt edge 6 marble edge 4 sheep 12

G. A. Smith 4 marble edge 2 sheep = 6

Mr Haddock 4 marble edge = 4

one Morocco to E. Ockey Eliza Brewer Ann, + Elizabeth Ockey 4

Total = = = = 72

One ~~Morocco~~ to two sister Jane + Ellen Calf gilt edge 2

Making in all 72 present of Books of mormon to friends 72

I packed up my Books + all my things in trunks + took them on board of the Ship Rochester

I Bought of Br Armstrong one overcoat £3.15 0

one Dress Coat	£2	15 0
one waist Coat		10
one pair of Summer trouses		10
	£7 =	10 0

I paid the above in Books of mormon except £1

I Bought the following Articles

		£	o	
1 Shall	=			14
1 Ditto	=			14
1 Ditto	=			6
1 Ditto	=			
2 pair of Drawers	=			9
1 Ditto	=			3
2 flannel shirts				10
1 Box steel pens	=			6
1 Do	=			2
1 Do	=			1
1 Do	=			
4 Cards of pens	=			4
1 Doz pen cases	=			1
1 Inkstand	=			1
Total		£5	15	

April 20th 1841

Sister Elizabeth Ockey presented me with a nice neckserf And Sister Ann Ockey presented me with a fine Silk neck handkerchief & gold pin, I took tea with them, I presented each of them with a Book of Mormon, Bound & gilt with their names upon it, Also Edward Ockey & Eliza Brewer. Elder Edward Ockey has done much for the cause of God has helped many families to go from England to Nauvoo of the Saints & has paid out 2 or £300 pounds of late for this purpose besides he has this day presented me as a present to assist me to return home, A purs of Gold containing £50- Sovereigns about equal to $250. Dollars, truly this is liberality, charity & Blessings not often met with & As some of my Brethren were needy I gave A portion of it to them As follows B Young £5. W. Richards £5. And G. A. Smith £5. &c

Truly the Lord hath been good unto us all during this mission & given us all things we needed for which Blessings I feel to offer up the gratitude of my heart to my heavenly Father

Seven of the Twelve with 120 Saints & 160 other about 280 in all got our baggage on board of the ship to set sail, but the wind being contrary we staid on shore

20th April 1841. I went on board of the ship Rochester in the morning in company with Elders B Young H. C. Kimball. O. Pratt W. Richards. W. Woodruff J. Taylor & G. A. Smith of the Twelve A. Medlock High priest- 120 Saints, 160 of the world 20 of the Crew, 2 mates (Porter & Steward) Capt Weathers 1 Carpenter, 1 Cook & Stewards making 307 Souls in all, We took the parting hand with Elders P. P. Pratt & O Hide & a multitude of Saints who stood upon the dock or quay to see us start—

April 20th 1841

We drew out into the river Mercy & cast anchor in sight of Liverpool & spent the day & night. It was with some difficulty that we could get the baggage stowed away so that we could make our beds however we lay down & slep well

21st Wednesday the wind is favorable & we are all vary busy in nailing down & lashing our baggage to prepare for Sea. The Anchor was hauled up & Sails spread at 12 o'clock & started on our voyage ** we had a good breeze through the day but most all the passengers were Sea Sick & Stacked up in hears & vomiting at a dreadful rate. We had a room built for our quarters in the Second Cabin, the second Cabin was mostly occupied by the Saints the Steerage by other passengers, Fare was £3.15 we were allowed the privilege of the Aft quarter deck, The Rochester is a fast Sailing vessel vessel of about 1000 tons we passed by all the Ships that went out of Liverpool at the time we did, among the number was the Oxford of the line the one that we Sailed to England in in 1840

22d We arose quite weak by vomiting & sickness it is a plesent morning we are nearly out of sight of land but to Sail are in Sight of us I went among the Sick passengers & got them out of their births on deck to take the air. Elder G. A. Smith was quite sick with a severe Cough through the night-

23d Cloudy & some rain Contrary winds

24th It commenced at midnight to blow a gale all head wind. it blew away our foretopsail, We were all dredful Sea Sick I Could not get out of my birth all day it was a distressing time to us all

25th Sea mountains high head winds Ship rocking & pitching dreadfully all Sea Sick I spent some of the day on deck I was faint, I ownly eat two backed potatoes in two days & that I soon vomited up I spent a sick night which was the case with most of us Sunday

26th Monday we got a little food in our Stomachs & got on deck vary feeble in body I never felt

worse in any sickness, April 27th 1841 thank God that my
wife & Children was not with me to share in such
sufferings; the Lamanis pleasant today we have
still west head winds & rough sea. There has
been some fears that several Children would
die on board being very sick, we got together
& prayed the Lord to have mercy upon us all &
spare the lives of our Company, & the sick began
to amend truly we have perils by Sea as well
as by land ✠ Two years ago this day the
Twelve held their Conference in the building
Spop of the house of the Lord in the City for-
west on which occasion I was Ordained to the
quorum of the Twelve in company with G A Smith
& we started on that day to take our foreign missi
on & thank God we are now on our return home
& are still alive & through the mercy of God are
like to live. ✠ ✠ we had a still night

27th Wind ~~West~~ still blows the Saints are some
better the Twelve are generally well & very patie
nt well united & agree in all things & love one
another, I visited the sick & got them on deck

28th This was a day that caused many mixed
sensations of pleasure & pain grandure & solemnity
hope & fear to many. To me it was a day that satisfy
ed mine eyge in many respects. When we arose
in the morning we still found strong head winds
which soon increased to a great Storm & tempest
which Scenery I have not language to describe the
Sails were close reefed or taken in as soon as pos
sible, it took 16 men to close reef the main topsail
the tempest was now raging with all power the
Sea piling up into mountains, the Ship mount in the
waves & billows & pitching into the valleys & rocking
tremendiously & shiping Seas occasionly, in the midst
of this Scenery the Cry of help was herd in our
Cabin I rushed to the Scene & found the ropes giving
way & breaking which held the whole mass of baggage
which was piled up between decks Consisting of
heavy trunks Chests, Boxes & barrels which if once
liberated from their Confinement would with one

Surge be hurled with all their force into the births
of the men women & Children which would endanger
the lives of all on seeing the foundation of this mass
give way Elder W Richards & myself Sprang to
this place of danger & braced ourselves against the
barrels & held them for a few moments untill it
was a little secured || then went on deck to the
Captain & informed him of the situation of things
below & he sent the Sailors with some ropes & secure
the pile which was endangering the lives of many
After this was done || again repaired to the Aft quarter
deck to behold the raging of the tempest & the wonders
of the deep & the movements of the Ship which was the
greatest scenery || ever beheld upon the water
Elders Young Kimball Richards & Smith was with
me on deck for a time but all had now gone below
except Elder Richards & myself & the officers &
Crew, we were Shiping heavy Seas it was now
about Sun Set || stood in the middle of the aft quarter
deck holding the Captains Speaking trumpet in one
hand & holding to a fast bench with the other when
we Shipped a tremendious Sea on the windward
side of us which passed clear over the quarter deck
on which || stood. On seeing that we could not esca
pe it Elder Richards flung himself close under the
Bulwarks & the body of the wave went clear over
him without wetting him but little but as || could
not take the same advantage || flung myself
upon the deck & held upon the fast Seat where ||
remained untill the Sea passed over me & left me
drenched in the Surge || now thought it time for
me to leave my Seat of observation for the day
& go below as || was thoroughly wet with Salt water
|| went to bed but did not Sleep but little for
the Ship rocked at a dredful rate boxes barrels
& tins were tumbling from one end of the
Cabin to the other; And in the Steerage about 15
Births were flung down & at one Surge with
all the men women & Children flung into a pile in
the midst of the berths but no lives lost or bones
broken This is the 7th day in Succession that we
have had strong headwind

April 29th Sea April 2 Eight 1841 after the gale
the Sun shines plesent. & we have a fair wind
for the first time since we left Liverpool
we sail 10 nots an hour their is one Sail in sight
of us. Aplesent evening wind aft — went all the
Canvass spread I had a good nights rest

30: A fine breeze from NE sail 10 not an hour
fears were entertained that the Ship was on fire
as smoke arose from the holes but it was found
to come from the Cook shop I was requested
to Carry the dishes to the Cook So I got my hands
full of dishes of various kinds & just as I steped
to the door of the Cook house the Ship gave a
dredful surge & rocked so that she lay upon her
side with her Stud Sails in the water. this
unexpected surge plunged me head foremost about
10 feet the whole bredth of the Cook Shop against
the side of the Cook room with the Cook top of me
As this was my first introduction To the Cook
since I had been at Sea I begged his pardon for
Such an adrupt enterance, & withdrew leaving
the Cook with three smashed fingers (caused by
trying to save me in the fall) to pick up my
dishes at least six which were scattered from one end to
the other of ~~the Ship~~ his Shop I hope it will be
a long time before I Shall pay the Cook a similar
visit We Sail exceding fine & have now for
3 days the passengers are over their Sea sickness &
feel Cheerful

MAY 1st A fine beautiful plesent mays morning. a fair NE wind or light breeze water smooth
we have 19 peases of Canvass spread. A Sk. flying jib
& peaces upon the foremast 5 upon the main mast & 4
upon the mizzen mast including the Spanker. It was
truly a beautiful Sight, their is two Sail in sight
we Sail 12 not an hour we feel well & are much
prospered

2d A Strong N favorable wind some cloudy we
Sail 12 not an hour we overtook & passed a brigg to
the windward of us we sailed nearly 2 miles to her
one, we saw a fin back whale come out of water

several times about 20 rods from the Ship. We are May 3d 1841
drawing near the banks of Newfoundland. Sunday

3d Cloudy we have a calm. but sail about 3 miles an
hour. in the evening a good wind N.E sail 12 miles an hour

4th A clear serene days morning the most pleasant
we have had on the voyage the water almost
perfectly smooth a calm hardly air enough to move a
sail the Captain sounded for botton but could not
find it we are spending the time plesantly. The Capt
took the names ages & occupations of each passenger
in order to make out a correct entry when he arrives in
port

5th we have a warm plesent morning but almost a dead
calm we sail about 2 miles an hour they sounded
but could not find botton. we saw a large School
of porpoises to the north of us Elder Peter Vaughan
lost a child this morning 6 weeks old. his wife died
a short time before he set sail the body of this child
was committed to a watery grave by sewing it up in
a cloth tying a stone to it & sinking it in the sea on
the banks of Newfoundland in Latt 42. 25 Long 50.10
we had a very chilly fog in the evening

6th The wind has changed to the South West
we have a light breeze sail 9 miles an hour we passed
a full rigged ship in the evening wind changed to the
N.E sail 12 miles an hour All the Saints on board are well
except Sister Richards who is still feeble we enjoy our-
selves well we sing & pray with the Saints morning &
evening I never enjoyed myself better with the
Twelve than about these days Union prevails among
us & we dwell together in love

7th Wind S.W. head wind it is still very foggy we
are in Lattitude 42 Long 55 making 3 hours 24 min
from Liverpool making 945 miles still to sail to
New York 910 geographical miles. A very hard storm
arose in the evening from the S.W. the Sails were
taken in the Heavens gathered blackness, the sea rolled
into mountains, & the Captain looked wild, in the
midst of this their was a fight between the Cook &
the Irish, which was stoped by the First mate

who interfered we had the roughest night at sea which we have seen since we have been on the voyage the spars & other things were afloat on the main deck May 8th 1841

8th fair weather but high head winds from the S.W. Sea rough we shipped some heavy seas, one sail in sight, the Captain had his hat blown into the sea while taking observations with his quadrant we have passed two sail today, I had a long conversation with the second mate in the evening whose name was Steward he gave me a rehearsal of his sea faring life for 20 years which was interesting he had sailed twice around the world been within 15 degrees of the South pole, had had his vessel blockaded by floating mountains of Ice nearly a mile high for many days, which Ice burges frequently come in contact with each other which makes a report like an earthquake or peals of thunder he has crossed the pacific several times visited the East Indies & China & says in all his sailing he has never found a worse sea or ocean for stormes than the Atlantic, in the Liverpool & New York trade after conversing several hours I retired to my berth & had a good nights rest

9th Sunday Strong N wind very cold sailed not an hour towards New York the coldest day we had on the voyage. the wind went down with the sun I walked the deck in the evening with O Pratt & conversed about many things among which was the subject of the death of Elder David W. Patten & writing A history of his life we are within 15 degrees of Long of New York

10th A fine plesent morning but a calm. we paid our Cook bill to day which was £0.10 half a sovreign each. I paid Elder Young £1.10 and Elder Kimball £2.8 shillings which made a settlement of all our affairs, Elders Kimball O. Pratt & myself undertook to climb the rigging of the Ship Elders Kimball & O Pratt went up to the round top of the mainmost—about 50 feet & returned I climb over the round top & went up to the main top

gallant Sail about 100 feet from the Upper deck
which was the top of the rope ladders I could go no
higher without climing a single bear rope So I reef
-ned to the deck I found it required some presens
of mind & caution to go up & down the riging of a Ship
as she was waving in the air we had a calm night

11th A Strong West-head wind but warm we sail
d not an hour to the North we passed a full rigged
ship standing the same way that we were we
have Sailed by every Ship that we have come in sight
of since we left Liverpool

May 11th 1841

12th Still head wind fair weather but cool we
passed by a ship this morning Ho!!! Ho!!! Capt
Woodhouse proclaims land in sight over our
windward stern in the North West which proves
to be Cape Sables of Novascosia Coast of Halifax
we soon saw it with the Naked eye this is 21 days
Sailing

13th A perfect dead Calm Sea Smooth still
cloudy we had head wind in the evening

14th A Calm we are perfectly still I common
ced reading the History of England by the Rev
John Adams A M 1703. we are in that yr. Long 67
from Greenwich & 17 from N.Y. being 365 miles
from N Y

15th A plesent morning A light breeze from
the S.W. Sea perfectly Smooth we sail
d not an hour we saw a School of Mackarel
I walked the deck in a Calm Serene evening &
had some plesant meditations concerning the
past present, & future

16th Sunday A light west Breeze Sail d not an
hour we saw a top sail Schooner to the east of us
probably going to Boston we Sounded & found
Bottom in about 20 fathoms on Nantucket Sound
-ings Sail d not in the evening

May 17th 1841

17th A strong W. head wind ran N nor to the N.W. we are now getting into great danger of the Shoals & bottoms as wind is against us we can only about hold our own, the Sea is much choped this morning appears some like Lake Erie we came in full view of Long Island at about 8 o'clock P.M. A pilot boat hove in sight & made for us, About the same time A french Sail to the Leaward of us raised her flag & made for the pilot boat we took our pilot on board at 4 oclock we soon came in sight of 5 Sail we kept in sight of Long Island during the evening. our pilot informed us that he had not herd from the Oxford or any ship that left Liverpool at the time we did & even for several days before, so we had made the best voyage of any at this time of Sailing he had not herd from the Steem Ship President for expected she was Lost wind went down in the evening

18th A strong N.W. wind Sail 9 not all hour Noland in sight I had the perusal of a New York Paper which informed us of the death of General Harrison President of the U.S.A. he Died on the 4th April 1841 Just a month after taking the Presidential Chair this is the first President that has Died in the U.S.A. while filling that office.
We came in full view of the Jersey shore & 10 or 15 Sail in the afternoon I felt to rejoice to once more behold the America shore my native Country after being absent from it 16 months we had a view of Barnagat Lighthouse as we passed along

19th I went on deck at 4 o-clock in the morning to see them go through we had head wind & had to beat through which made it dangerous we passed through the hook, run into a fishing smack came near sinking her with all on board we had a view of the horse Shoe and all the light houses as we passed along we saw 50 fishing Smack waiting for bait we raised our flag on the top of the mainmast having head wind we could not run in we got within 4 miles of the quarentine ground & cast anchor at 11 o-clock. A Steam boat came along side of took the Liverpool papers coming

1844 May 22 1844

the latest news, The Editor Paid $4.6. dollars
for the Steem boat to bring him down to the ship
to get the news we have been 29 days from Liver-
-pool, to our casting Anchor this morning, we raised
our Anchor in the afternoon + went in with the
tide on to the quarentene ground + again droped
our anchor the physician came on board searched
the passengers + found them well, But we shall
be quarrenteened untill tomorrow now is the time
we need much patience + long suffering in bearing
one with another in taking out our baggage going
through the Custom House + getting settled in
New York. the Captain went on shore at night—

20th Warm plesent weather we commenced early
in the morning getting our baggage on deck
passengers went to washing + cleaning up it was
a very busy time, there was a fight between
the Carpenter + second mate which was ended
by the first mate who dosed the Carpenter
Head badly by striking him with a junk bottle.
Two quarentene lighters came along side of the
Rochester + took off all the passengers + baggage +
took us all to the Custom House here we had to
unload all the baggage which were examined by
the Custom House officer + out of 300 passengers
we were not charged duty for the first article. We
had to load every thing again on board of the lighters
who took us to New York City, + when we arived
at the docks we found them covered with horses
+ drays + about 50 drayman who stood ready to
leap on board + devour all our baggage & horse
we were not willing to have our things stolen
from us & be defrauded out of our rights
but felt disposed to do our own bosines without
being forced to measures by Carman, they curse
+ swore at a dreadful rate & appeared more like
Cannibals than Civilized men, but after much
trouble + difficulty we got our goods out of the
lighters + loaded them on to drays & constantly
had to keep a guard over them to keep them from
being stolen we were untill 10 o'clock at night get
ing of the docks to an Inn, where we spent the

night. I was the nearest - tired to death by fatigue
& labour that I ever was in my life for I was
continually loading & unloading boxes chests.
barrels & trunks from Sunrise until 10 o'clock
at night without eating or drinking! I took
a hearty supper about midnight & lay down in
a room where their was two Children expected
to die hourly. I did not sleep a moment arose
in the morning & again commenced carting
baggage. I truly felt to rejoice to once more
step upon our native Shore I thank God for
sparing my life & giving me such a blessing
We spent the night at the Battery pavilion
Distance from Liverpool to New York is 3500 miles

21st We paid our Bill & took lodgings in different
parts of the city Elder Geo. A. Smith &
myself took up our abode with Elder L. R.
Foster who appeared glad to see us & made us
welcome. I also was privileged with an inter-
view with Messrs Ezra & Alvis Carter my Brethren
in law also Dr Charles Fabyan. I send a bundle
to Phebe by Ezra Carter I was truly glad to see
the face of my friends & the Saints once more
I found that Elders Young Kimball. & O. Pratt had
taken lodgings at the house of Elder Adams 196
Wooster Street 2 doors from L. F. Carter.
I received 2 letters from Phebe one contained
a page from my mother giving an account of the
then State of health of Sister Eunice

22d I had the perusal of the 12 & 13 No of the
Times & Seasons which was highly interesting giving
an account of the Laying the Corner Stones of
the House of the Lord in the presens of about 10,000
persons, & many other things of Interest

Married in New York City May 22d by Elder
W. Woodruff Mr. Edward Ockey to Miss Eliza
Brewer both from Castle Froome Herefordshire Eng.
the day following their arival. This is the first

time I have had the honour of officiating at a marriage Ceremony. this was at the house of Elder J. W. Watsons in the presence of the quorum of the Twelve. Br & Sister Erskine lost a child this day which was buried

23d Sunday I met in Council with the Twelve in the morning I called upon Br D F Carter who accompanied his Mother in Law to our place of meeting in the National Hall Canal Street at which place the quorum of the Twelve met in the morning & addressed a large Congregation of Citizens. Elders Young Kimball. Pratt & Woodruff occupied the time in giving an Account of our mission The Congregation of Saints was Composed of persons from London Liverpool. Manchester & other parts of England Scotland. & Ireland as well as Newyork

24th I wrote 2 Letters one to Aphek Woodruff one to Phebe W. Woodruff I spent a busy day in the City I visited the City Hall & other publick buildings in Company with Elder Smith & Dr. Bernhisel 176 Hudson st the Bishop of the Church in New York

25th W. F Carter was called to sit on Jury in the case of a murder, A young man Cut the throat of his mother in a state of insanity
I took 176 Vols of the Star to be bound by Mr. Joseph A Clossmans 465 pearl st Corner of Chatham I preached at night at J W. Watsons

26th I visited various parts of the City I bought a Trunk for Phebe Paid $6.50 for it

27 I spent the day visiting the City & Shiping with Dr Bernhisel. W Richards & G. A. Smith We visited the Frigate Brandywine of 60 guns & the North Carolina a 74 gun ship but Could mount 120 guns all things appeared neat Clean & in great order on board these Ships, We also Crossed the river to Jersey Side & went through the various

appartments of the Steem Ship of May 28th 1841
building for the Emperor of Rusia, it is to
be finished in the greatest elegance of stile it
is strong, large, mounts 14 guns & cost about
$1,500,000 dollars it contains a large two headed
Eagle standing under a Crown both on the
bow & stern, its state rooms & cabins are finished
with the best of Mahogany. * We also visited the
Custom House & merchants exchange



24th I Copyed a long Revelation, given
Nauvoo Jan 19. 1841 I also packed my trunk for
taking my departure to see my family in the State
of Maine

25th I got 76 vol of the Millennial Star bound and
a number of them lettered for which I paid $13.50

30 Sunday I preached in the morning at the National
Hall, held a conference in the afternoon here
by Kimball in the evening Elders F Carter & Martha
Sloan attended meeting

31st Left my Baggage with Br Elvs & took
Steam Boat Belle for Providence arived there early
next morning distance 100 M

June 1st I took rail Cars & rode to Boston Spent
the day in Boston Called upon Mrs Ball No 12 Botolph
Also Miss Rose 57 Temple Street— I took the
Steamer Portland at 7 o-clock & arived in Portland
at 7 o-clock next morning whole distance of the day
200

2d I arived in Portland at 7 oclock Called upon
widow Hale, Also Mr Elvin Carter I took Stage for
Scarborough & arived at Father Carters in the after
noon & was once more permitted to embrace my
Wife & also a Son which I had not before seen
this after being seperated from my family almost
two years. It was truly a happy interview not
ownly with my wife & Child but with the whole
houshold
11 miles

3d spent the day with my family June 8d 1841

4th I wrote a letter to D. C. Smith sent for the second volumn of times & Seasons to be sent to Aphek Woodruff from Commencement to Elvira Carter from 13th No one No of each for W. Woodruff to be kept for him & I will pay for all on my arival

5th I wrote a letter to Milton Holmes

6th I attended meeting & herd Peter Libby preach he appeared to be an honest man I spoke a few words

7th I rode in company with Phebe to Capt Nash-ua Moulton Freedom was at home I read several pieces written against the mormon of Saint Jo.

8th 9th I spent the day at Father Carters

10th I spent the day fishing at Sea in company with Joseph F. Carter Elvira Carter Freedom Moulton & 3 others, we Cought rising of 200, mostly Haddock. I Cought 3 Codfish, we went on to the rocks & dined upon a rich Haddock Chowder & boiled Clams we had to tow our Boat up the river because of head winds 6 o'Cl 15m

11th I spent the day at Sister Foss

12th I returned to Father Carters

13th Sunday I attended meeting at the Methodist meeting house in the morning. I held a meeting at Sister Sarah B Foss' at 2 o'clock & preached to a large Congregation most of which were destitute of faith in the fulness of the Gospel

Mersin steem Ship Cambridge. Main shaft- eleven tons. It is 2 35 feet in length, 70 foot beam. dimensions of ports, 12 & 32 Pounders. 4 Cannonades. Coal- 6 500 000. requires 500 men to trim her. ✱

June 15th spent the day at fathers Carters June 14th
15th I rode to Portland in Company with
Phebe & Joseph F Carter & wife & spent the
Day at Eld. Reynd Carters

16th Spent the day with Sister Foss

17th I wrote a letter to Sisters Ann & Elizabeth
in England Ockey

18th I wrote a letter to Sister Ruth Luce & Aurelia
S Hopkins in answer to theirs of Feb 17th 1841
which spoke of the Labours Sickness & Death of
Elder John Herrett who Died in October 1840
at Br Isaac Crockets South Fox Island Vinal Haven
Maine

19th Phebe employed Mrs Martha's to assist her in
sewing in making some Dresses I spent the Day at
father Carters I received a letter from Milton Wing

20th Sunday I spent the Day at fathe Carters

21st I wrote a letter to Sister Eunice Woodrow

22d Willford is 15 months this day

23d I spent the afternoon in Company with father
& Mother Carter & Phebe at Doctor Sevels

24th I rode to the ~~Point~~ Point & por little Willford in
the Salt Watter I received a letter from Mr Richard

25th I spent the day at father Carters I read
Millers lectures on the Coming of Christ & the
Millennial & on a variety of other Subjects such
as the visions of Ezekiel, Daniel & John, the Seven
opening the Seals &c & he has made out as much
work of a wholesail business in spiritualizing the
Scriptures & trying to make out the fulfillment
of all predictions of the old & new Testament

by referring to the French Government & other June 26th 1844
affairs which was as foreign from the subject
as Heaven is from Hell. & among many other
absurdities his declaration is that the Turkish
empire & Government will be destroyed in (1840)
& the Second Coming of Christ will be in
1843

26th I red the narative of the life and medical
discoveries of Dr SAMUEL THOMSON which
were truly interesting & beneficial to mankind I
have no doubt but that his invention theory & pra
-ctice of administering roots barks & herbs as
medicine, is a great blessing to mankind & is one of
the greatest improvements of the last days & is
causing a great revolution throughout America in
the mode of practice, by which means he has drawn
down a flood of persecution & slander upon his head
I Copied Dr Thomsons instructions on preparing medicine &
administering it

27th I remained at Father Carters through the day
I read a narative of the ship wreck, captivity and
sufferings of HORACE HOLDEN & BENJ. H. NUTE
who was cast away in the American Ship Mentor on the
Pelew Islands, in the year 1832 and for two years
afterwards were subjected to unheard of sufferings
among the barbarous inhabitants of Lord North's
Island. In North Lat 3° 3 and East Long 131° 20'
This was truly an interesting but painful narrative

28th I wrote a letter to Elder M. Holmes informing him that I would meet him on Tuesday the 6th
of July at 11 o'clock A.M. at S. Wilders Hotel No 11
Eleventh street Boston the Lord willing I also wrote
Luther Seaman's name in a Copy of the Millennial
Star and gave it to him

29th I rode to the beach & went into the Salt
water with several others the water was very
cold. & I drank of & spent the day at Sister Foss

30th I received a letter from Eunice & Mother
Woodruff informing me that Sister Eunice

was nigh unto death had July 1st 1841 days of her
sickness & also informed me that Br Webster
had returned, & visited them. It seemed
from the import of the letter that it had been through
a great struggle, exercise of faith, & the mercy
of God that Eunice was in the land of the living
I immediately carried her case befor the Lord
& plead in her behalf & it was blessed with
a testimony that she would recover & that
I should soon seeher face to face
I also recieved 2 New York Papers from
Nus one of which contained an account of the
taking of President Joseph Smith. by writ-
of Governor Carlin under the requisition of the
Governor of Missouri, & was however brought up
on a habeas corpus the intent is to deliver
him to the Governor of Missouri the paper
also stated that their was much excitement
among the Saints upon the Subject & c.
The spirit of persecution has been kept alive
against the Saints in all ages of the world
& will not long sleep until the Ancient of Days
shall sit I spent the day at Sister Foss

July 11 I visited some of the Neighbours
& spent the remaining part of the day
at father Carters, I procured two goat
Calf Skins of father Carter, & Fox Howell
made me two pair of Boots one of Cow
Hide one of Calf skin & also made Phebe two
pair of Shoes

12 I rode to Br Luther Seamman visited about
about 2 hours returned to Sister Foss (spent about
2 hours with Br & Sister Edward Millikin they
being the ownly persons I have seen from Buxton
since my arival in Scarborough they sent
several articles by me to Sarah Milliken viz one
Letter, one oil Cloth, 2 pair of Stockings for
Arthur, & one muslin Collar,) I returned to father
Carters & spent the evening at John Fabyans
Eliza Carter-ill was present this closes my visiting
in for the Present
4 miles

July 3d I spent the day at Father Carters we had a Number of visiters among whom were Freedom Moulton & his two Sisters

July 4th 1841 Sunday I spent the day at fathers Carters. Mr Howel & wife were present + Luther & Rhoda Seaman were at fathers on a visit, I Paid Luther Seamen $10. ten dollars for money which he paid for Phebe on the passage home

5th I took the parting hand with Father Carter & his household & rode with Joseph M. Carter to Portland. Spent several hours with Ezra Carter we then went on board of the steamer Bangor + spent the night
12 miles

6th We left Portland at 7 oclock on board the Bangor the sea was rough & most all was Sea Sick we arrived in Boston at 6 oclock in the evening we spent the night in Boston at the Lafayett Hotel, I had a very interesting time in the evening with Elder Freeman Nickelson Sister Rose, (5th Temple Street) Sister Cobb & others who called at our room & spent the evening they were very anxious that I should stop & preach with them but my circumstances would not permit
the distance of the Day 120 miles

7th I Sold Elder Nickison $23. dollars worth of Books of Mormon, Stars, &c. I parted with the friends + took the Woster rail road, & rode to Wosterfrom thence to Springfield, at which place I took Steem Boat & rode to Hartford & Spent the night at the Hartford Hotel distance of the day 130 miles

8th I took stage & rode to Farmington to my Fathers house & was made welcome once more to the house of my friends I found Sister Eunice recovering from her sickness but was still low Mother appeared worn down by fatigue but was enjoying good health Fathers health is good but he feels his age 10 miles

July 9th 1841

July 9th I received 2 letters from Elder W. Richards
I perused a letter from Br Ezmon Woodruff & one
from Thompson Woodruff I was truly glad to hear
from them once more. We had a visit from Miss
Harriet Stedman & Mr & Mrs Burgess

10th Spent the day at father Woodruffs

11th Sunday Spent the day at father Woodruff

12th I wrote a letter to Sister Betsey Cossett &
sent a paper to our friends in Maine
I wrote two verses in Mrs Mary Ann Wills Album
Shall I behold the Nations doomed &c

13th I Spent theday at Father Woodruff

14th I wrote the following lines in Eunice Woodruff Album

Not all the wealth of earth Combined
Can give Content like the innocent mind
Who in the flower of youthful bloom
Can taste the joys of a rural home
Free from borrowed Care and anxious thought
Contentment reigns in the peasant's Cot
As natures wants are few they'r soon supplied
without the aid of Crime or pomp or pride
Innocent as the flowers that bloom in spring
She Shares in all the Joys that time Can bring
While nature in her lovliness here doth act her part
Her unstudied posture speaks the language of the heart
O! reader learn wisdom from the PEASANT COT
And be content with thy future LOT

I rode to West Hartford with Br Webster & Sister Eunice
(Similes

I wrote the following lines in Sister Eunice Woodruff
Album in Farmington July 14th 1837

ACROSTIC

Vera amicitia est sempiterna

Esteem those virtues that ornament the human Soul
Upward seek for aid while dangers round the roll
No power can guard thee like a friend divine
Increase thy joys or ornament thy mind
Celestial joys and peace may God on the bestow
Even when called to part with friends below

While kindred love our Consanguine hearts unite
Oft will the Scenes of life our Sympathy invite
O do not withhold a Charitable generous hand
Distress release, Good bestow when it's at thy Command
Remember WILLFORD whose mission is now abroad
Unto the Nations beyond the rolling flood
For thy Salvation HE will ever pray
For God to save thee in ETERNAL DAY

Eunice Willford

15th I spent the day at Father Woodruff Elder Oliver Olney spent the night with us & left us this morning
16th I spent the day at father woodruff

17th I spent the day in writing

18th Sunday I preached at 5 o'clock P.M. at Father Woodruff house the people gave good attention

19th Br Dwight Webster & Sister Eunice Woodruff rode into Hartford to do Some trading & among other things they purchased their wedding Dress
I filled a page in Phebe's Album

20th I spent the day at father Woodruff

21st I had an interview with General Solomon Cowles 75 years of age we conversed some upon religion he invited me to visit with him

July 22nd 1841

July 22 I spent several hours with Elders Burgess & Carter from Kirtland at father Woodruff's house
I received a letter from sister Phebe Wheeler
I wrote A letter to sister Phebe Wheeler
I also wrote a letter to Coosins John, Seth, & Melinda Woodruff. It had a visit from Mrs Mary Ann Mills Also from Aunt Anna Cossett

23d I wrote a letter to Coosins Betsey, Ann, & Cyrus Cossett

24th I spent the day at Fathers in reading

25th Sunday I Preached at 5 o'clock at father Woodruff house

26th I carried Eunice out to a ride I received a letter from Cousin Betsey Cossett, & the 11 No of the times & seasons which was interesting

27th I spent the day at father Woodruff

28th I preached at night at father Woodruff

29th I spent the afternoon on a visit at Mrs Jennett Stedmans in company with Phebe, Eunice Aunt Cossett, & Mother Woodruff

30th I rode to Avon, called upon uncle Ezra and Aunt Lydia found Ezra some out of health I then passed by the farm, Mills & Mills, & house & the place of my birth & nativity it brought fresh to mind the scenes of my childhood & youth I called upon Mr Morris Judds family spent a few moments I also called upon Aunt Wheeler & dined with her; I had an interview with Luther, I then rode to Symsbury & spent the night with Aunt Cossett, & family Aunt Bulah Hart was also present distance of the day 12 miles

31st I rode from Simsbury in company with Cousins Betsy & Ann Cossett to Canton called upon uncle Alson Thompson, Also upon uncle Ozem & his

family I then returned to Farmington in the Aug 1st 184
rain & spent the night at my fathers Elder Dwight
Webster being present with us distance 12 m

August 1st Sunday I preached to a large congre-
-gation of the citizens of Farmington at my
Fathers House

2d This was a busy day with the whole family
in making Cake & other preperations for the
wedding of Sister Eunice

3d Dr Noah Porter of Farmington called upon
me to see me he conversed with me concerning
our principles; wished miracles to be wrought to
Convince him that our doctrin is true

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Aug 4th 1841 HYMENIAL
Married= In Farmington Hartford Co Connecticut,
Aug 4th by Elder Willford Woodruff. Mr: Dwight-
Webster, to Miss Eunice Woodruff of Farmington Ct

There was between 40 & 50 persons attended the
wedding most of which were our relatives which gave
me the privilege of an interview with many friends
among whome was uncle Ozem Woodruff family
John & Seth &c Also Bulah Hart, Ezra Hart, Lydia Hart
Betsey & Ann Cossett & others we spent the time
agreeable while together though our interview was short
Sister Eunice Health is not very good as yet

5th I spent the day at fathers House I Conversed
much with Aunt Bulah Hart Concerning the fulness
of the Gospel.

6th I in Company with Mrs Woodruff, Mrs Burgess
& Miss Jennett Stedman I visited the African School
in which are the African Slaves that were kidnap
-ed at Mendo, & sold at Lomboko, taken to Cuba

Sold to some Spaniard who Sailed for the United States when four days out at Sea the Africans arose & killed the Captain & Crew except two who they preserved to steer the Ship they were taken, of Long Island N Y. & had their trial at Hartford, & Newhaven & were set free, taken to Farmington to be educated, I conversed some with Cinque the Leader of the Company they make good proficiency in learning, many take deep interest in visiting this School,

After Spending an hour or two in the School we returned to Mr Borgess & took tea. Early in the evening Dr Noah Porter entered the room with his heart filled with madness anger & Subtlety against the fulness of the gospel, my testimony & Joseph Smith, &c he commenced Conversation, vary adruptly & we continued our Conversation without Seceseation untill near 10 oclock I bore testimony unto him of the work of God Book of Mormon &c but he rejected my testimony in the Strongest terms & every thing in the form of Prophets Apostles, revelation, Inspiration or the gifts of the Holy Ghost; Healings Miracles tongues &c seemed to be much stired up because the work had come to Farmington, but I done my duty answered my mind, bore testiment of the truth. After he left the house I prayed with the family & those present could see the Spirit manifest in Dr Noah Porter was dictated by the powers of Darkness I was glad to have this opportunity of bearing testimony to Dr Porter of the work of God that he might be left without excuse I returned to my Fathers house but before retiring to rest I repaired to the river & cleansed my feet with water in testimony against Dr Noah Porter in obediance to the commandment of God that my Garments might be clear of his blood & I say in the name of Jesus Christ that if he does not repent of the course he has persued in this thing, he will no longer Prosper but the judgments of God will be upon him

Aug. 8th 1841

7th One of the Manda Africans was drowned in the Canal a few rods from Fathers house I saw the body soon after it was taken out of the water his name was Fawney many persons were gathered together on the occasion, among others Cousin Eldad Woodruff,
Cousin Betsey Cossett parted with us to day & returned home,

8th I preached at my fathers house in Farmington
I have conversed much with Aunt Bulah Hart Concerning the fullness of the gospel she appeared to receive my testimony

9th was a rainy day I spent the time at fathers HOUSE

10th & 11th Spent the days at father woodruff

12th Aunt Bulah Hart was Baptized into the Church of Latter Day Saint this day under the hands of Elder Dwight Webster & I Confirmed her

13 & 14th I packed up my trunks & prepared for leaving my fathers house & Continue my journey, I had a Severe swelling on my Chin Sumthing in the form of a large blind bile it was vary sore & tedious

15th Sunday Elder Dwight Webster preached to a congregation at fathers house

16th Elder Dwight Webster Sent $5 dollars by me for the building of the Temple of the Lord in Nauvoo Also $4 dollars for the 2d & 3d No of the Times & Seasons I am now watching for a boat to go to New haven. During the evening I Baptized Miss Jennett Stedman & also Confirmed her I felt to rejoice at this

17th I spent the day at father woodruff

Aug 18th 1844

Aug 18th I spent the day at Fathers House it being the last day that I spent there this makes 41 days that I have spent at my Fathers house the longest visit I have made with any of my friends for the last 10 years During my stay on this occasion I have had the privilage of performing the marriage Cerimony of my ownly Sister, Eunice Woodruff & Elder Dwight Webster. Also Baptized & confirmed two into the Church viz Aunt Bulah Hart & Deanar Stedman this was a consolation to me. I took the parting hand with Father and all the houshold & went on board of the Farmington Canal Boat Capt Dewell, Erastus Woodruff & Orem Woodruff were the hands onboard, we spent the night on board, about one mile from Fathers House

19 we rode to Cheshire & spent the night — 16 mile

20th we rode to New haven & on the way a woman came onboard & we spent about 3 hours in conversin about the Book of mormon Latter Day Saints &c She railed much against the Book of Mormon, & was angry because of the truth of God She informed she belonged to a new sect that had lately risen up A Mr. Bradley of Cheshire was their prophet they Baptize by immersion they consider Mr Bradley the servant David Spoken of by Ezekiel & other prophets that was to be raised up unto Israel & also that Prophet that should be raised up like unto Moses of many things that were ridiculous.
It had been about 15 years since I had been in New Haven I was truly pleased to once more see the Capitol of my native State the Citizens are building a large expensive wall around their burying ground to keep the dead bodies from going to the medical College 40 000 Dollars has been expended & more is needed; I left the Canal took Coach rode to the Steemer New York & went on board 15 miles

21 Arived in New York at 4 o-clock AM landed in the east river Peck slip Br Burge carried us & baggage on his truck Cart to 196 Wooster St — where we took upon abode with Sister Evens Br & Sister Deaman & Sister Adams Distance 100 miles

Aug 22 1841

Sunday 22d ¶ This was a day of interest to me in many respects having returned to the Church in New-York I looked for much News & information from many sources both religious & political temporal & spiritual in this I was not disappointed for I had the perusal of the New York papers, 1 & 2 No of the 2d vol of the Mill Star in England besides late letters from P.P. Pratt & O Hyde, Also the 19 No of the Times & Seasons from Nauvoo & a letter still later All these things together brought a flood of News some of it was painful & some heart cheering ¶ I learned from the general news of the day that nearly the whole earth & all nations are in Commotion War between England & China still continues British troops trying to enter Canton &c, at the same time England has great internal comotion at home parliament is dissolved, a new ministry elected, great excitement poverty, distress & want prevails everywhere thousands are starving to death & hundreds of thousands are in want—Banks are breaking, Merchants becoming Bankrupts, Factories are stoping, men are out of employ & bread, the enraged populace are crying against the government down with the Corn laws &c At the same time trouble is going on in America the Cabinet can scarcely hold together Congress is divided against itself President Tyler has vetoed the Bank Bill, & great confusion reigns at the seat of government, also on the boundary line of Maine & New Brunswick & the rumour of war!! wetween England and America is heard upon every hand & while this scenery is going on, the wreck of shiping, blowing up of steem boats awful sacrifice of human life, fires, Earthquakes & storms, murder lying, swearing & theft,—with almost every evil thing clearly shows the signs of the times which indicate that an awful storm is gathering over the heads of a guilty generation which is speedily to burst upon the nations by the power & wrath of God which will engulph millions of the human family in ruin & destruction. ¶ The Stars from England as well as the letters informed me of the rapid progress of the work of God, the fulness of the everlasting Gospel increase to the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints & for this in the midst of the most unparalleled opposition

& fals rumour from Priest & people of every sect
and party who has deluged the whole land with tracts
pamphlets & news paper stories against the Saints
but notwithstanding this the work still progresses
throughout that land it is doing well in London
Manchester & many other places in England, Scotland
Wales &c Elder Hyde has gone to Germany on his
way to Jerusalem, Elder P.P. Pratt also informed
us in his letter that 50,000 persons have met at
a time in Manchester concerning the Corn laws Also
Chartist meetings that blood is shed at these times
& great excitement Prevails

I in reading the times &
seasons in the west I learned many things that the
work of the Lord is still progressing in this land
in the midst of all opposition, that all the Twelve
had arrived at Nauvoo that was expected but
myself I also learned the painful intelligence that
Sister Alice Consort of Oliver Olney aged 41 died
on the 16th of July Elder Olney is in Connecticut &
knows not of the death of his wife I had an int
-erview with him a few weeks since at my fathers
house. Also DROWNED in the City of Nauvoo
July 23d Samuel W. aged 8 years and James F.C.
aged 6 years both Children of Stephen and Mary
Loce formerly from fox islands Maine I Baptized
Br & Sister Luce I also Learned by letter
from N.B. Thompson that Don Carlos Smith the
Editor of the Times & Seasons is Dead this was
truly painful intelligence to me I loved him he
was a worthy man, he has maintained his
integrity unto the end has died in faith & rests in
peace, In addition to having these things to medit
-ate upon during the day I was called upon to preach
three times in the Church in the City, the citizens
appear much more opposed against the Saints at the
present time than ever before since the rise of the
church not ounly in New York but throughout
the United States as well as Europe it seems as
though all Earth & Hell were making one united effort
to overthrow the church by deluging the earth
in lies publick meetings are held against us &
Newspapers are constantly publishing falsheods

against us of the Blackest die until one is ready
to conclude the day has come when "men are left
to believe a lie that they might be damned
because they have pleasure in unrighteousness
and believe not the truth, After the labours of the
day I was weary & retired to rest.

23d This mornings papers bring us news of an
awful disaster at Saryeuse N.H. A fire broke out &
a large body of people gathered around it when thirty
casks of powder exploded killed 30 wounded 50 & done
much damage, The Steem boat Missouri is burned
& 2 other boats much damaged. Great excitement
prevails on the disputed territory of Maine & their is
great prospect of war. A new sect called Israelites the
followers of John Noe are lecturing in New York.
our child is taken sick with the bowel complaint
Sister Carters child is badly poisioned with eating
Ginsen burs he took sumthing to vomit we laid
hands upon him he soon got well

24th I had an interview with Dr Bernhisel 176 Hud-
son St & with Br Everett I visited various parts of the
City called upon Mrs Watson 64 Columbia St & at
the post office, and upon Elder Foster 13 oliver st
when I returned home I found Phebe upon her bed
almost speechless & sensless with pain in the head and
face her jaws were stiff & almost set She had
never had a turn of the kind before, we laid hands
upon her & prayed for her & also for Willford
who was sick with the bowel Complaint & after
doing this & administering to their wants they soon
was better & had a comfortable nights rest
distance of the day 3 miles

25th Phebe & the babe are still unwell to day
I wrote a letter to Elder Lorenzo Snow

26th My family is still unwell & I have a severe
cold myself I have many visiters calling upon
me among whome to day was Brother Davis fired
from Nauvoo he brings good news from that City
of the progress of the work of the Lord & the
building of the Temple &c

Aug 27th 1841

Aug 27th I wrote letters to London to the following persons P. P. Pratt, James Allen Henry Connor, Amos Fielding, Ellen Bladen which I sent by Br Redman in care of L. Snow Esq. Mr Bennett Editor of the New York Herald has published in to days paper a long article from the Times & Seasons giving an account of the mission of the Twelve in Europe their success & return to Nauvoo & also entire our address to the people of the united States containing our principles &c My family is some better to day I had an interview with Mrs H Carter my Br in Law also with Br Davis

28th I wrote a letter to Elder Lorenzo Snow I received a letter from Sister Phebe Wheeler which she wrote many days since she has just arrived in this City wishing to accompany my family to Nauvoo She has suffered great persecution in receiving the fulness of the gospel From this morning papers it seems the country is still in agitation Mob & Lynch law seems to rule through the land, I read in this morning Sun an advertisement for me to preach in the National Hall to morrow I suppose this is the production of Elder Foster pen

29th Sunday a very rainy day I attending meeting three times during the day at the National Hall Elder Foster Preached in the morning & I preached in the afternoon & evening I dined with Elder Foster

30th Visited various parts of the City Spent some part of the day with Mrs H Carter

31st I packed up my trunks to prepare for continuing my journey

Sept 1st The first day of fall I left New York on Board of Steem Boat Comet Sailed to Stoney Brook Long Island distance 60 miles

fare & I Left on 27 I landed I found Elder Hulse
& Priest Mobt P. Wilson were waiting for me
I rode with them to Br. Wilson & spent the
night The New York Sun of to day Contains
a most Singular Phenomina ever recorded
in the last days A shower of flesh & Blood, A
pillar of smoke, & a shower of manna
I was introduced for the first time to Elder
Quarters & Sparks who I found was presi
-ding over about 40 Saints at Setauket I
preached in the evening at Stoney Brook &
spent the evening with Br Wilson

Sept 2d Preached in the chapel owned by the
Saints in Setcawket in the evening spent the
night at Br Harmon Bales

3d I preached at westfield at the house of Br
Alexander Rowland spent the night at Br Wilson

4th I Spent the night at Br John Denton priest

5th Sunday I preached 3 time in the chapel the
meeting was formed into a conference I was Chair
-man Elder Sparks Clerk we expelled one ordained
one Priest & one Deacon I had an interesting time
with the Saints I sold 11 Books mormon & 19
Copys of the Stars, Origen Bachelor who has held
several debates with Adams & other of the Saints
in New York was in this neighbourhood during the
day held 2 meetings against the Saints & did
defied any to meet him in debate Elder Sparks
received his Challenge & is to meeting him for
a debate at the presbeterian meeting house on
wednesday the 15 inst — while the Heavens &
Earth are full of fire Blood flesh. pillars of smoke,
earthquakes trouble & commotion, the heathen
imagin vain things & gentiles rage, & Bachelor &
Sunderland & others are trying to debate & stop
the fullness of the gospel & crying peace & Safety
But they will not prevail the work of God will
roll on

Sept 6th 1841
Sept 6th I took the Steamboat Connor in
Company with Elders Sparks & Hulse, & Elds.
Bachelor & Sailed to New York found
my family well went to a wedding with
His Woodruff & son Elder Foster solem-
nize the marriage ceremony returned
home & spent the night, distance 17 ms

17th I recieved $2 dollars of Harmon Bayles for
the Zerchonla Standard to Beseut to Harmon Bayles
Seteruket Long Island, N. Y. Elder Foster
Paid me $47.25 for 20 Books of mormon
bound in calf $1.75 cts each. 6 ditto sheep bound
125 each + 4 Millennial Stars $1.50 cts each It
allowed him $1.50 cts for Selling the whole
amount was $54.50 deduct 1.50 leaves
$47.00 which was paid me by Elder Foster
which settles the above

9th Wars + rumours of wars Earthquakes tempest
pestilence & great fires, connected with almost
every kind of wickedness distress & destruction
is begining to be heard throughout almost every
land & nation
I had a busy day I bought 11¼ yards of
Broad Cloth 1.75 per yard $30.94. 16 yards of
Sattonett 1.00 cts $11.20 Total $42.14
one Bonnet $4.50 one hat $3.50

9th I received $40 dollars of Dr John M
Bernhisel for President Joseph Smith also.
Stephens travels in Central America (176 Hudson St
in 2 volums also one letter; This is one of my
days of perplexity & confusion as I aim to leave
the city to day & have as much business to attend
to in 6 hours as I ought to do in two days
it seems to be my lot thus far in life to be hurried
& crowded along as though I had but few mom-
ents to live, I spent the fore part of the day
in packing trunks beds & c I also called upon
Mr R Foster

NB Sept 9th Received of Willford Woodruff
15 Books of Mormon bound in Calf $1.50 cts each
4 ditto bound in sheep $1. = = $32.50
4.00
2 ⅌ Millennial Stars bound $1. each 2.00
$6.65

The above is to be paid to Willford Woodruff
when called for or the Books returned
H. R. Foster

After labouring exceeding hard through the
day I took the parting hand with the Saints at
146 Foster & other places, & started for the
Boat Sandusky Elus F Carter Carried me to the
Boat with 633 lbs of baggage we got Blockaided
in the Street on the way which made us trouble &
detained us, but after much perplexity we got
on board of the boat at 6 oclock & departed for
Albany on our road for Nauvoo our little Comp
-any of Saints consisted of 6 persons viz —
Willford & Phebe W. Woodruff, Henry H. & Mary
Moore, Mary M. Wheeler & Mary E Nelson
Sister Wheeler had 600 lbs baggage

I found on looking over my expenses including
all I had paid out while in New York was
$88.36

After getting under way & arranging matters I
being very weary I lay down & had a comfortable
nights rest

10th I arose some unwell in consequence of the
labour yesterday, found myself at west point it
was a pleasant day we spent the day pleasently the
land present quite an interesting and romantic scenery
from N Y to Albany

11th Arived in albany this morning being one day
& two nights from New York about 36 hours when

the regular time of steemboats is 12 hours the
cause of this Delay is taking so many boats in tow
inform Dr Bernhisel that it would be wisdom for
the Saints to take a steemboat that will come thro
ugh in 12 hours to Albany. if the luggage is no more
than what the Captain will carry for it is better
to give $1.50 cts to Albany in 12 hours than 50 cts
in 36 hours & pay 1.50 cts for board during that
time also inform the Saints not to pay through at
the Commencement but from place to place & that
at the end of the journey which will save emegrants
from much insult & some expens their is
nothing gained by dragging out a long time on
tow boats & slow lines distance to Albany 160 m

11th We made an agreement to go to Buffaloo on
the New York & Buffalo line, Erie transportation
Company name of boat C M Reed. Capt Lines
we are carried for $2.50 each allowed 100 lbs
baggage each person & pay 45 cts per hundred
for all extra baggage had good boat & accomodations
just as we got ready to put out who should
come on board to go to Nauvoo But A M
Roberts who a short time since came repre-
senting the whole church in New York by
giving way to the power of the Devel and
whole church in to the same spirit which
bro[ught] great reproach & injury upon the
Saints in that City I was sorry to see him & did not
wish his company But I feel dispose to get along the
wisest way I can in all such cases we left albany at
about 4 oclock & arived in Schenectady in the morning

12th Sunday we tarried in Schenectady until 9 o'clock
received an addition of several passengers & proceeded
on we passed Rome during the night in the
evening we sung a few Hymns & as soon as we
closed Mr Roberts broke out in a tremendious
noise which he called tongues I reproved him before
the whole Company for his folly & impoliteness his
conversation had been such that the passengers would form
an idea that he was in part a representative of the Latter
Day Saints I wished to change that idea in the minds of
the Company for it was fals he was not a member of the
Church

13th I spent the day in reading the 1st vol of Sept 13th 1841
INCIDENTS OF TRAVELS IN
Central America Chiapas AND Yucatan
BY JOHN L STEPHENS, Author of "Incidents of
travels in Egypt Arabia Petræa and the Holy Land
Illustrated by numerous engravings in two vol
I felt truly interested in this work for it brought to light
a flood of testimony in proof of the book of mormon
in the discovery & survey of the city Copan in
Central America A correct drawing of the monume
-nts pyramids, portraits, & Hieroglyphics as executed by
Mr Catherwood is now presented before the public
& is truly a wonder to the world, their whole travels
were truly interesting

14th our babe was quite unwell with the bowel complaint
I continued reading Stephens travels & felt hily inter
ested in them

15th=Wed I wrote a letter to Br Azmon & Thompson W.

16 I perused the 2d Vol of Stephens travels
in Central America Chiapas & Yucaton & the
ruins of Palenque & Copan It is truly one of
the most interesting histories I have ever read

17th we arived in Rochester this morning & spent
several hours there Phebe & sister Nelson visited
the Rochester folk

18th we got into Lockport in the morning I dreamed
of seeing many snakes last night enemies are at
hand from some quarter I left Lockport in the
morning at 11 oclock in Company with Mrs
Woodruff & Br & Sister Moore took the railcars
& rode to the far famed Niagara falls it was
truly a splendid & magnificent sight we went
over Goat Island, descended 100 steps went under
the falls we had a good view of them, we went
on to the monument we here had a view of the
ship Detroit that fought in the battle of Lake
Erie on the 10th Sept 1813 & was set afloat
with all her sails set in order to send her over

the falls and dash her to peices this was done 1841
by the Americans on the 15th Sept 1841
three days before we were there but she
lodged on the rapids + did not go over the falls
her sails mast rigging, + bulwarks were all
gone nothing but her hull left when we saw
her. after spending 2 hours at the falls, we
took the rail road to Buffaloo, + spent the
night the Boat containing our freight +
child + the rest of the company did not get
in until in the morning Distance from
Albany to Buffalo is 365 miles
Expenses for myself + family as follows
fare 2.50 each = 500
533 lbs freight = .. = 150
for provisions = = 212
passage on rail road from Rochiport to 450
Buffalo via the falls =
Sundries = = = 531
total 1843½

Sept 19th Sunday we unloaded our freight
from the canal Boat onto the Steam Boat
Chesepeak bound for Chicago we paid our
fare + took tickets + paid for myself + wife
we took steerage passage which was $20.00
$10. dollars each cabin was $20. we had a
good state room for our families

20th we spent the day in Buffalo we made
preperations to cross the Lakes to Chicago

21st We left Buffalo at 11 oclock + arived
at Cleavland in the morning

22d Elder Henry Moore + wife stoped at
Cleavland to spend a little season in fellowship
we spent about 2 hours in Cleavland + continued
our journey [illegible] had a storm in the night + cast anchor + spent
the night in Detroit river

23d spent 2 hours in Detroit + went through

various parts of the town I be[illegible] the first time I ever was in the State of Michigan it cleared off this morning & we had the sun again

24th we passed through Lake St Clair & St Clair River & Lake Huron to Mackinaw Straits we tarried here an hour saw many Indians who ketch many salmon trout in these straits which is the best place for trout in America we bought a number of them that would weigh 6or 8 lbs carried for 6cts each we had a rough night in Lake Michigan (illegible)

25 A very rough morning all sea sick we stoped at Manitou Island cooked dinner on land & lay by the wharf untill 4 o'clock set & started on the journey untill 12 oclock at night when a tremendious storm & wind arose which made the lake as rough as it could be by the force of wind & such a scenery as quickly followed I never before witnessed in all my travels either by sea or land on water or earth, The Captain of the Chesepeak with other officers, hands & passengers mostly expected to go to the bottom to judged from outward appearances I should think there was twenty Chances of being lost to one of being saved yet I did not quite expect during the whole scenery to be lost for I expected & felt that the Lord would save us from a watery grave by some means we were about 40 miles from land at about 12 o'clock at night when I was awoke from a sound sweet sleep in my birth by the cry of some one saying we shall all be lost the first thought that entered my mind was I make no calculations on being lost I hough leaped out of my birth onto my feet & went on to the upper deck I immediately saw we were in eminent danger of being wrecked the wind blew almost a hurricane & the waves were running over her bow in a dreadful manner the boat was rather heavy loaded, their was about 300 passengers on board with a large quantity of luggage & Jack Ass some geese & pigs were

standing on the bow of the boat next to them
was 40 cords of wood piled up this with
other loading & fell the bow down in such
a manner that it was 30 feet their was
50 tons of water on her bow deck at a time
at one time the bow ran under water & some
thought she would never right — one wave
that broke over set the Asses afloat
broke the petetion between them & the steerage
cabin & washed two of the Asses down
threw into the births among men women &
children it killed one of the Asses in the
fall the Asses & water together drove all the
steerage passengers out of their Cabin on
deck a bout this time while the boat was
labouring hard against wind & water she
broke one of her wheel chains & then next
the cry all is lost for about 30 of us
passengers caught hold of the two detached
ends of the chain & held them together
untill they were mended with ropes the boat
lay partly upon her side it tore up the floor &
broke down the births in the steerage state rooms
oposite of us & we expected every moment
ours would share the same fate in one instance
the waves broke over the upper deck it took
four men to manage the wheel they tried to
turn the boat three times but could not untill
day light — when it was accomplished & returned
to the manitau Island at about 3 oclock being
about 24 hours in the gale they again took on
40 cords of wood as they had flung 20 cords
overboard in the storm to lighten the bow of the
boat — orders were given to that effect we remained
at the Manitau Island untill next morning
I felt thankful to God to once more set my
foot on land I felt that the Lord heard our
prayrs & delivered us, their was praying, crying,
singing & swaring at the same time in the
midst of the storm it was a trying time to all

26th Sunday morning turned back for the Island
reached at 3 oclock & remained untill morning was
thankful to once more set our feet upon land

Sept 27th 1844

23rd Monday left Manitou Island at 7oclock,
to try again to get to Chicago the wind soon
arose & we had a rough sea we stoped at
Millwaukie & left about 175 passengers & much
baggage upon a small sloop tosting upon the
waves in a dredful manner no boat had been to
them for three days ie the hand on the boat
wheather the passengers ever got to shore I know
24th not — we passed by Racine & arived in
Chicago at 1oclock & truly rejoiced to get on
shore we put up for the night at the Illinois
exchange by J. Brown, recommend friends there
their was 50 teems in with wheat, we saw two
families from England got two teams to drive
them to Stephenson on the Miss: River the
whole distance we came from Buffalo to Chicago is
104 miles

25th I hired Mr J.B Collins of Princes Grove
Illinois to carry me & sister
Nelson & our family & 400 lbs of baggage to Nauvoo
for $21.00 or $2. Dollars per cwt Mr. Sidney Rohers
engaged a man to drive him at the same rate
we loaded our baggage & left Chicago at 10oclock
had a very bad road first 12 miles rode 17 miles &
spent the night at Mr. Gates = 29 miles

30th we rode 33 miles passed through Napersville
Cain County & Wendle Co & spent the night
at the Inn of R. F. Hemmel DeKalb County 33 m

Oct 1st we crossed the Sammonook river Indian
creek passed by Paupaw grove a 12 mile prairie
in Ogle County spent the night at Booth's Inn
distance of the day = Greenfield 38 miles
from Chicago we passed the Desplain River
Brush Hill, east branch of the Dupage, west branch

of the Portage, Fox River, Black Hawk Creek
Little Rock Creek, Big Rock Creek, Sammonock
River + Big Indian Creek,

Oct 2d Passed through Dover, Princeton
County seat of Bureau Co crossed Bureau
Creek, Indian town + spent the night at
Br. John. A. Griswold Wm Boyds 8 miles 33m

3d Sunday rode to Camping grove Crossed two
12 miles prairie + arrived at Br Collins home at
2 o'clock his wife + family appeared glad to
se him by request I preached in the evening
at the house of Elder Phineas Bronson the
people gave good attention I spent the night
with Br Bronson + my family with Br Collins 25m

4th we parted with Br Collins + family +
continued our journey with his team attended
by Br Amos Bronson rode from princes
grove + princeville crossed spoon river +
spent the night at Lenoxville county seat
of Knox Co at the house of Br Amos Stodard
his wife + Mother were Saints 30 miles
we stoped + picked of ½ bushel of crab Apples
their was many bushels in the orchard

5th we passed through Colebrook + called
at Monmouth Bated our horses + had an inter-
view with Br Albert Seaman from Mon-
mouth County seat of warren we rode crossed
the South fork of Henderson to Ellisson
Creek + spent the night with Br Nathan
Master 16 15 miles (el

6th we rode to Hoppers Mills I there had an
interview with Br Haws who informed me
that the conference in Nauvoo was passed
So we had missed the privilege of attending
it I felt sorry that we could not have got
throug in time we rode across a prairie +
came to Nauvoo It gave me peculiar feelings

to once Oct 7 1841 ter this city after being
Absent more than two years when I left their
was not more than a dozen houses in the town
but now their was ~~more than a dozen~~ several
hundred we passed by the temple as we passed
along & had a view of it soon called at the
house of Elder Young & spent the night with
him he was sick Elder Kimball was with
him & also Elder Richards we laid hands on him
& he soon recovered I saw many of my old
friends & acquaintance & I was informed that
many of our old acquaintance & friends are
dead & quite a number among the english emigra
nts Elder Kingtons mother & wife Elder Glover
& many others, distance of the day 34 m

y'd I met with many friends during the day
I also sat in counsel with the Twelve & was
happy to once more meet with the quorum I
moved my things to Elder Kimball house & spent
the night my wife & child was both sick I called
upon Elders Kington & Brewet & Pitt & Stephan
Luce & many others & spent the night at
Elder Kimballs ☐ I received a letter from Turpin
I paid $10. to E Robenson for the time & season
y'd I am quite undecided which way to turn
or where to settle myself the temporal business
of the Church is laid upon the hands of the
Twelve it has been thought best by some
of our quorum for me to go to Warsaw with
Elder Richards Sister Kimball delivered to us all the
things which I had sent to Phebe from England
by Elder Turley which were left in her hands
I Paid A Cahoon $5 dollars for Dwight Webster
for the house of the Lord
On looking over all my accounts & expenses
from New York to Nauvoo & I found that all
the expenses of my family travelling expenses
& c from the 20th Aug in New York to the 10th
in Nauvoo amounted in all to $234.21 cts
I met in Conference with the Twelve & among
other business they voted that I should locate
myself in Nauvoo, I looked over my accounts
with Sister Nelson & she is indebted to me $1 dollar

Oct 9th 1841

Oct 9th I met in Council with the Twelve at President Youngs we had an interesting time & conversed upon a variety of Subjects

Sunday 10th I met with the Twelve for the purpose of a Council but we spent most of the day in visiting the Sick

11th I received a letter from Jesse Corpin wishing to repeal his case to the Twelve for a rehearing as he had been cut off from the Church I moved my trunks & goods to a house under the bluff at the house of Brother Tracy which I purchased of him for $75 Phebe has gone over the river with Br Clark to see to her things in Iowa

12th I Cut two loads of wood & drew to the door It being the first work I had done for a long time with my hands I felt sore

13th I went 6 miles out on a prairie & cut a load of hay with Br Albert Smith & drew it home for my Cows 12 miles

14th Spent the day mowing & drawing hay

15th I cut & drew another load of hay making 3 loads of hay about 2½ tons which I have cut & drew home in three days It makes me quite sore to mow

16th I went over the river to see my family & while on the road I met with a number of my old friends & acquaintances among the number was Elders Nobles & Wm Clayton, Br Clayton & family were in a distressed situation with Sickness It laid hand upon him, I went to Father Clarks found my family & spent the night Willford was some better than he has been but is still feeble Similar

1841 Dec 17 1844

17th Sunday I was feeble in body yet I preached to a large congregation at Br John Lovers returning & spent the night at Br Clarks

18th A cold stormy day I went with Phebe to collect her household furniture which she left in Iowa when she went to Maine we first went to Zarahemla saw many old friends among them was George A. Smith John Smith, Samuel Smith father Hawley, & many others Br Abbot & C returned & spent the night at father Clarks was quite unwell through the night with the bowel complaint 12 mi

19th We left Br Clarks to return to Nauvoo with a load of goods we left our Cows for a season as they did not give milk we had some difficulty in crossing the ferry in consequence of the wind it took 3 skiff loads to carry us & our things over I then took them in a waggon & carried them to our house I was sick But I felt to rejoice to spend a night with my family under a roof of my own it being the first time that I have ever injoyed such a privilege since we were married

20th I lent B. Young $250 he returned me 75 cts

21st B. Young let me have 6 bushels of lime

22d I Bought 1500 Brick of Br Coltrin the Brick & bringing it to our door was $7 94 which I paid in a pair of pantaloons & shoes

23 Br Hodson put in a window for me & let me have 25 feet of walnut lumber

24th Sunday I have had a visit from father Huse & his family the[y] arrived last night Sister Foxal who by faith came to Nauvoo from England,

25 I got a load of corn potatoes &c from over the river had to bring it over in two skiffs

26th got my brick & morter on the ground
for a brick chimney & oven but got disap
pointed in a mason to do the work to day
I walked 15 miles after masons was
very feeble in body with the bowel
complaint & piles

27th I got my meat & cod fish came to
put up my chimney I was feeble in
body but laboured hard

28 was quite ill but laboured hard in
tending mason

29th finished my chimney & paid $4.
for building it it was near midnight
before I got cleared away so as to lie
down we had a heavy thunder storm with
hail the Twelve had a council I was
not present was much out of health

30th their was two companies of the
Nauvoo Legion called out to remove a
grog shop out of the way. Elders Brewett
& Price assisted me make some doors I
am still unwell feel feeble. The City Counci
met in the evening & during their busin
31st ~~Sunday I met in Council~~
they Appointed me a member of the
City Council of the City of Nauvoo I
was notifyed of my appointment in the mo
ning

31st Sunday I met with the Presidency &
Twelve at Hiram Smith's office & spent
most of the day in Council Joseph severely
reproved Benjamin Winchester for getting
out of his place & doing wrong after which
Joseph taught us principle for several hours
which was interesting He spoke upon the
gathering of the Nations, building of the kingdom
of God, the traditions & wickedness of this
generations & I was sick had hands laid upon
me returned home & went to rest

NOV 1st 1841 I was sick confined to
my bed through the day the City Counci
I met for business, I was not able to attend

2d I was still sick & confined to the
house Br Hodson assisted me in some temp
oral business

3d I am some better able to do some business

4th I am gaining in strength, it is quited cold

5th I wrote a letter to Dr Bernhisel & also
one to Father & Mother Carter

6th I attended the City Counsel for the
first time & was sworn into my office as
Counsellor I found that these meetings will
be a profitable School unto me in giving me
a knowledge of parliamentary rules law &c

7th Sunday I first called upon Br Joseph
with some of the Twelve from thence to B.
Young's from thence to the meeting ground near
the Temple where I found many hundreds of
Saints Elder Wm Clark preached about 2
hours when Br Joseph arose & reproved him as
pharisaical & hypocritical & not edifying
the people Br Joseph then delivered unto us an
edifying address showing us what temperance
faith virtue, Charity & truth was he also said
if we did not accuse one another God would not
accuse us & if we had no accuser we should enter-
heaven he would take us there as his back load
if we would not accuse him he would not accuse us
& if we would throw a Cloak of Charity over
his sins he would over-ours for Charity Covers
a multitude of sins & what many people called
sin was not sin & he did many things to break down
superstition & he would break it down he spoke
of the curse of Ham for laughing at Noah while in
his wine but doing his harm

After this meeting closed I met with the Twelve
+ High Priest quorum: the word of wisdom was
brought up & Young says shall I Break the
word of wisdom if I go home + drink a cup of
tea: No wisdom is justified of her children the subject
was discussed in an interesting manner all concluded
that it was wisdom to deal with all such matters accor
ding to the wisdom which God gave that a
forced abstinence was not making us free but
we should be under bondage with a yoke upon
our necks, I walked out + spent the night at
Br Alexanders

9th A rainy day I worked upon my house

9th I went to Peter Shirts lime kill

10th I drew about 800 lath for my house

11th I spent the day in lathing my house

12th I drew home a load of limed boards

13th I spent the day in lathing + night in the City Council

14th Sunday I met in Council with the Twelve
visited the sick spent the evening at Elvira
Luce from Fox Islands had an interview
with capt Justus Ames + Elders Benbow
Oakey + Hill dined at my house I am now
in the midst of hundreds that I have Baptized
throughout America, the Islands of the
Sea England + c that have been gathered
together to Nauvoo through the influ
ence of the gospel Joseph preached to
a large Congregation at the Temple.

15th I laid a floor in my bedroom

16 I run 12 bushels of lime for plastering + rode in
company with W.H. Hale 2½ miles on the prairie
to Br Zerah Pulsipher I bought four acres of land
of him in Section 32 for ::: 44 dollars I paid him

$20 dollars in Silver & am to pay him the other $24. dollars in a year the ground is ploughed. I met in the evening with the company owning the land they appointed me to sell some of the land to raise the money to pay Brother Daniel. S. Miles Part on the last

17th I sold 5 acres of Daniel S Miles land in Section 32 for $10. dollars per acre to Sister Mary Pitt for which She paid me $50. dollars in gold which money I delivered to Zerah Pulsipher as one of the committee of the company he gave his receipt for the Same

18th I spent the day in bathing

19th I assisted Daniel S Miles in Selling 16 acres of land in Section 32 for $10 dollars per acre
I also bought of Daniel S Miles 5 acres of land in Section 32 at $10 dollars per acre am to give my notes when I get a bond for a deed

20th I spent the day making lime morter &c
I attended the City Council at night

21st Sunday I met in Council with the Twelve at Elder B. Youngs then attended the general Assembly near the Temple herd a discours by Elder Taylor followed by President Hyrum Smith I then met the Twelve at B. Youngs until 4 o'clock at which time we repaired to the Baptismal Font in the Temple for the purpose of Baptizing for the dead, for the remision of Sins & for healing it was truly an interesting scene it was the first FONT erected for this glorious purpose in this last dispensation, it was dedicated By President Joseph Smith, & the Whole Twelve for Baptizing for the Dead &c & this was the first time the font had been prepared for the reception of Candidates on the Sabbath a large Congregation assembled, Elders B Young H.C. Kimball & Taylor went forward & Baptized about 40 persons, Elders W Richards, & A Smith & myself assisted in confirming them. I then Spent the evening with the Twelve at Br Kimball

Nov 22d I got my Bedroom plastered by J. Hodson
23d I spent the day to work at home

Nov 22nd 1841

24th I Commenced taking charge of the provision Store for the Committee of the Nauvoo House I also cut & drew two loads of wood to my door

25th I spent apart of the day at the store we have a Severe Snow Storm, About 200 Saints have just landed at Warsaw from England it is bad for them in this Snowstorm

26th A cold morning I spem the day at home I mailed a letter to father Carters family

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28th Sonday I Spent the day at B. Youngs in Company with Joseph & the Twelve in conversing upon a variety of Subjects it was an interesting day Elder Joseph Fielding was present he had been in England four years we also saw a number of English Brethren Joseph said the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any Book on Earth & the key Stone of our religion & a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts than any other Book

29th I had an interview with Elder Morgan from Garway Wales many are emigrating from foreign Nations

29th It is still cold weather I am now spending my time in the provision Store

30th I spent some time with Joseph & the Twelve Joseph says Sister Hyde must live with Br E. Robinson & if they receive them kindly & patiently it shall prove a great blessing unto them

Dec 1st A plesent day I spent apart of the day in writing

I wrote a letter to W. W. Foster 13 Oliver st N.Y. & requested him to send me some money

Dec 2nd 1841

After retiring to rest at night I was called upon by Brother Meeks to go with him to lay hands upon his wife who was possessed with a devil I went with him to his house & found his wife foaming in great agony I laid hands upon her & rebuked the devil & he came out of her & she soon fell asleep & I returned home, & If I had judged from outward appearances I should have thought the devil followed me home & entered into our Cat for she made the most awful noise through the night I ever herd I also had a disagreable dream, which I considered to be from the devil

2d I met in Council with the Twelve in even ing

2d I drew home from D. Chase Saw pit 232 feet of flooring with Br Mills team

3d A rainy day I laid my chamber floor & spent A part of the day at the meet Store

4th I spent a part of the day at the Store did not attend the city Council but was called away to visit the sick most of the quorum of the Twelve went to Manns to hold a conference with that Stake

5th Sunday I walked with Mrs Woodruff & Sister Kimball to Br Moshtons & spent a part of the day with a number of the Pottery Saints, & In the evening we walked to Br Josephs & spent several hours at his house, on a visit & had a plesent with him & sister Emma Br Joseph had commenced this day to proof read the Book of mormon that it might be stereotyped he read 60 pages, he rehearsed over the Missouri transactions spoke of the death of David W. Patten & the REQEST which he made of him in his last dying moments JOSPH will grant it if God will

6th I wrote a letter to Father & Mother Woodruff Br & Sister Webster spent most of my time in the Store

Dec 9th I spent most of my time in the Store but in
the evening I attended meeting & herd a discourse
delivered by Elder Wight who declaired some
most sterling truths concerning the building of
the Temple & the Nauvoo House if the Saints did
not doit they would be rejected as a Church with
their dead Saith the Lord we should again be driven
& he spoke in truth & the Spirit of God

10th I spent most of the day in the Store &
to work on my house

11th 10 1/2 spent in the Store & work on my house
I spent about two hours in the Store at noon
& two at night

12th Sunday I met in Council with the Twelve
in the morning Joseph preached in the forepart
of the day at Br Sniders & had an interesting
meeting, I again met with the Twelve in
the evening at Br Kimball; Elder B Young
informed me that the Lot I was on was
BLOCK 106 NO 1st on Hotchkiss & Durfeestreet

13th I had an interview with Br Ebenezer
Robison he wished to hire me for the season
to assist him in writing & in other business
I spent my time as usual in the Store

14th I had an attact from Mr Davis Said I
was trespassing on him for cutting some wood
which I had bought of others

15 & 16th Sawed down the Corners of my house &
attended as usual to my business in the Store

17th Br Fulmer gave me the privileg of Selling several
lots of land with the intention of giving me some
Benefit, he promises me a deed of a building spot
near his house

18th I spent several hours with Phile Dibble in
viewing his lot of land he promises to give me a deed
of one acre of land & gives me the privilege of Selling
the whole

Dec 19th Sunday I met with the Twelve in the Dec 19th 1841
morning & held a Council, & in the evening I met
at Joseph's the Seer & herd a discours delivered by
Elder Kimball who opened by prayer read a chapter
in the Book Mormon & spake as he was led by the
Spirit of God, he spake of the parable of Jeremiah
of the clay in the hands of the potter: That when
it marred in the hands of the potter it was
laid aside to goin to the next batch & was a vessel of
dishonour but all clay that formed well in the
hands of the potter & was pliable was a vessel of
honour & thus it was with the human family &
ever will be All that are pliable in the hands of
God & are obedient to the commands of God are
vessels of honour & God will receive them
Joseph the Seer Said the above was a true explai-
nation of the parable

(After Sidney Roberts had occupied
the meeting a season) Joseph the Seer arose & read a
Chapter in the New Testiment containing the parable
of the vine & its branches & explained it much to our edifi-
cation & said "if we kept the commandments of
God we should bring forth fruit & be the friends of
God & know what our Lord did, "Some say Joseph is
a fallen Prophet because he does not bring forth more
of the word of the Lord" "why does he not do it
& are we able to receive it No (Says he) not one in this
room, He then Chastized us for our wickedness
& unbelief knowing that whom the Lord loveth he
Chasteneth & Scourgeth every Son & Daughter whom-
He receiveth & if we do not receive chastizements then
are we Bastards & not Sons. On Revelation he
said "A man would Command his Son to dig
potatoes, Saddle his horse but before he had done
either tell him to do Something els, this is all consider
right "But as soon as the Lord gives a Command
ment & revokes that decree & Commands something
els then the prophet is considered fallen to"
Because we will not receive Chastizment at the
hand of the Prophet & Apostles the Lord Christ
is with us with Sickness & death Let not any man
Publish his own righteousness for other can do that
for himself sooner let him confess his Sins & then he
will be forgiven & he will brings forth more fruit

when A man is chastized he gets angry & will not endure it. The reason we do not have the Secrets of the Lord revealed unto us is because we do not keep them but reveal them, we do not keep our own Secrets but reveal our difficulties to the world even to our enemies then how would we keep the secrets of the Lord Joseph says it can keep a secret till Doomsday He spoke of love what greater love hath any man than that he lay down his life for his friend then why not fight for our friend untill we die & must other things of interest was spoken

Elder B Young arose & said one thing lay with wait on his mind is that we should be prepared to keep each Commandment as it came from the Lord by the mouth of the prophet & as the Lord had commanded us to build a Temple we should do it speedily

20th 21st 22nd 23d & 24th was exceeding Cold I spent the week as usual at the Store & to work at my house & o

25th Christmas day was an interesting day indeed to the Twelve we were invited to a Christmas Supper at Mr Hiram Kimballs it was excellent Slaying & I got a horse & slay & carried the wives of the Twelve to Mr Kimballs & home again to the after our meeting broke up our company consisted of B Young H. C. Kimball O. Pratt W. Richards W. Taylor & W. Woodruff All with our wives except W. Richards who waited upon Sister Hyde We had an excellent feast & before we left Mr Kimball made each one of the Twelve a present of a lot of land & made out a bond for a deed of the whole & certain each lot worth $60. making $600 dollars in all My lot was No 4. Block 12 in Kimball Second Addition to Nauvoo A warrent to be dead to be given on or befor the 5th day of June AD 1842

A year ago this Christmas I was in London Eng & took dinner with Br & Sister Morgan in company with Br Kimball but we are now again without families

Dec 26th Sunday I visited the Saints in the morning & spent the fore part of the day in writing I received a letter last evening from Br Alvinon Woodruff of South Richland under Date Nov 15th 1841 Joseph the Seer called upon me & others of the Twelve to attend meeting at his house we did soon the evening & herd many good principles presented by presidents Joseph & Hyrum Smith such as the following Speak not in tongues to your own nation but to those of another tongue then if one of another tongue interpets it will be a sign to the unbeliever, & then it would condemn those who heard if they rejected it for the word does not work in vain, Joseph spoke upon the 14th Cor- prophesies will cease & if a person will cease or stop prophesying & not continue all the while &c untill we come to perfection or- a fulness then part work will be done away

27th The Twelve or a part of them spent the day with Joseph the Seer & he confe- ded unto them many glorious things of the kingdom of God the privileges & blessings of the priesthood &c I had the privilege of seeing for the first time in my day the ornaments of the Holy Priesthood

28th 29. 30th & 31st I spent the week as usual ingaged in my daily labour

On friday the 31st I looked over my Journals recorded on the following Page an account of my travels & labours in the ministry during 1841

A Synopsis of the travels & labours of

W. Woodruff in A D 1 8 4 1

Travelled in ENGLAND, WALES, & AMERICA

And visited the following towns & Cities

Towns & Cities	populations	Shires & States
London the Metropolis	1 600 000	Middlesex Co
Bristol	200 000	
Liverpool	2[illegible]0 000	Lancashire
Preston	60 000	Ditto
Manchester	3 50 000	Ditto
Staffordshire potteries	70 000	Staffordshire
Wolverhampton	30 000	Ditto
Birmingham	3 00 000	Warwickshire
Worcester	45 000	Worcestershire
Hereford	50 000	Herefordshire
Ledbury	4 000	Ditto
Malvern Hills	3 000	Ditto
Gloucester	40 000	Gloucestershire
Cheltenham	40 000	Ditto
Oxford	36 000	Oxfordshire
Woolwich	50 000	
Monmouth	4 000	Monmouthshire Wales
New York	350 000	N. Y.
Portland	16 000	Maine
Boston	1 00 000	M. S.
Hartford & New haven	12 000	C t
Albany	50 000	N Y
Buffaloo	20 000	DO
Detroit	10 000	Mich
Mackinaw	1 500	Wisconsin
Chicago	10 000	Illinois
Nauvoo	10 000	Illinois

Also A vast number of Small towns lying Between the above named places

Travelled	7062	Miles
Held	83	Meetings
Attended	10	Conferences
Baptized	21	persons
Assisted at the Baptizing of	18	others
Confirmed	46	
Ordained	11	Elders
Do	13	Priest-
Do	10	Teachers
Do	3	Deacon
And	1	patriarch
Blessed	5	Children
Healed	22	Sick
Married	4	persons
Wrote	100	Letters
Received	67	Letters
I reported and recorded in this Journal three sermons of Dorcas the Sept	3	Recorded

W. WOODRUFF'S

DAILY JOURNAL

AND

HISTORY

IN

1842

JAN" 1ST 1842.

I Spent this NEW YEARS DAY in Company with the quorum of the Twelve & with our wives in the city of Nauvoo at Br S Stodards it was an interesting day unto us to once more assemble to a feast with our quorum & our familis in a city of the Saints in the midst of peace & love we more highly prized this privilege as we are called to be seperate so much while in the vineyard of the Lord,. We have been spared to commence ainnother new Year while in many of our near & dear friends are dead & sleep in the grave, Whare the next new Year will find us the Lord ownly knoweth I pray my Heavenly father in the name of Jesus Christ to keep us from every vain Speculation & evil & give us wisdom to govern us in all our temporal affairs as well as Spiritual, that we may not run into any Sins, evils or Snares, It now Seems to be my privilege & lot to spend a season at home & provide for my family it being the first time I have had the privilege Since I have been in the Church as my lot has been cast in the vineyard most of the time for the last eight years. As we have now a Commandment from the Lord resting upon us to Build the temple of the Lord & the Nauvoohouse it is probable that our quorum will Spend most of the time in Nauvoo vintill the Temple is built & I shall endeavour to record these things Spiritual & temporal which I consider the most beneficial to mankind..

I Spent the evening in the city Council vntill near midnight then parted With each other & returned to our homes

2d Sonday I attended meeting at the house of Joseph the Seer, President Hyrom Smith preached I followed him with an exhortation, I also preach in the evening at his house

Jan. 3d 1842

Jan 3d I Spent the day drawing wood for Albert Smith from the Island across the Missisippi river on the Ice

4th I drew wood from the Island for me myself one man while crossing the river broke through the Ice + lost his whole esstablishment under the Ice ie horse harness + Sled

5th I spent the day drawing wood for Br Smith

6th I Crossed the Miss river in Company with Elders Hyrum Smith H. C. Kimball + John Taylor; it was thawing + much water on the Ice we got our feet much wet but we went to Yerehemla held A CONFERENCE, discontinued the State appointed A presiding Elder over the branch, Saluted no man by the way did not eat or drink + returned not by the way we went, walked in all 10 miles

7th Spent the day about home + at the Storehouse

8th I Spent the day in the Nauvoo store + at home I visited Josephs Store + found it thronged

9th Sunday I preached in the fore part of the day at Br Freemans to a full Congregation + had a good time, I called upon several friends in the afternoon + spent the evening at home in writing

10th I Sold Br John Horlick the South half of Lot No 4 Block 12 in Kimball Second addition to Nauvoo for $ 50. dollars I spent the evening at Br John Taylors in Company with Elders Young Kimball Taylor Clayton Fielding + others with our wives had an interesting time I Bought two lots of Hyrum Kimball for two hundred + fifty dollars I paid him $50 dollars down in cloth + a watch + the other is in two annual payments they were

Lots No in Block

Jan. 11th 1842

11th I walked across the Mississippi river on the ice to Father Clarks + spent the night 12 mile
I dreamed Br Azmon was in prison with his head off
12th I led my cow home from Br Clarks to Nauvoo, 12 m

13th I took my note up of $20 dollars which I gave to Br Lee I felt quite unwell with a cold

14th I drew home a load of plank 11 feet 1 inch + 40 feet inch Boards our Cow had a nice heifer Calf this day

15th I & the two Brother Freemans spent the day work building a stable floor killed me two pigs (& other than to build a pen for them) + assisted in other work

16th Sunday I preached at Br Freemans to an attentive congregation + in the evening I married Thomas Jones & Mary Doyle

17th I spent the day butchering 20 hogs for the Nauvoohouse I attended Council at Joseph Office with the Twelve

18th I had a hard days work in the Nauvoohouse

19th I spent the day in the Nauvoohouse

20th I attended a ~~General~~ Special Conference of the Church called together in Nauvoo met at the house of Br Edwards to take into consideration the conduct of Mr Isaac Galland who is wronging the Church out of much property

21st I spent the day posting Book at the Nauvoo house

22 I Spent the day labouring at home

Jan. 23d 1842

23d Sunday I preached a Josephs the
Seers from the Book of mormon & was
much blessed in my mind

24th I Spent the day visiting the Sick

25th I Spent the day in the Nauvoo Store

26th I took a walk with Br Daniel Bollard
through various parts of Nauvoo [sketch] I bought
a house & ½ acre of land of Br parsons & am to
pay him $100 dollars for it 2d in April I am to let
Br Bollard have the rent of the lot through the
season as he wishes to work on the Temple
27th I Spent the day with Br Kimball
28th I Spent the Day in the Store

29th I received a letter from Mother Woodruff
spoke of the ill health of Sister Eunice I
spent the evening at Joseph Stole [sketch]
I wrote a letter to Br Dwight Webster & mother Woodruff Wants Me

30 Sunday I rode to Br John Benbows on the prairie
6 miles from Nauvoo & preached at his house
& spent the night this was the first time I had been
to his house since my return to Nauvoo I Spent the
time very plesantly while there his farm looked almost
like the garden of Eden I never had seen more
work done in one year on a prairie farm than on his
he had surrounded it & Crossed it with heavy ditchs
& planted thorn hedges his dwelling barns sheds garden
yards orchards &c ware all beautifully arainged
it much resembled some of the fairms of old England
it will be a plesant retreat for a Summers ride
from Nauvoo the little Neighbourhood now Consists
of five families from England all well united exceptily
Wm Benbow who has denyed the faith & is a family by
himself I spent the evening about Conversing with the
Brethren 6 miles

31st I paid $200 dollars to Br John Benbow for president
Joseph Smith & endorsed it on his note I then left the
friends & rode to Br Pelsiphers dined at his house & returned
to Nauvoo 6 miles

Feb 1st I assisted in drowing Sept from the river two large Stones for the Nauvoo house threshholds of doors

2d Elder Pitt assisted me in Painting my house

Feb 3d 1842 Thursday A Revelation was given a few days since for the Twelve to obtain the printing esstablishment of E Robinson & Sovern the printing of the Times & Seasons & all the Church publications as they are directed by my Holy Spirit in the midst of their Councils Saith the Lord

After Consulting upon the Subject the Quorum appointed Elders J. Taylor & W Woodroff of the Twelve to Edit the Times & Seasons & take charge of the whole esstablishment under the direction of Joseph the Seer. Accordingly I left my Station at the Nauvoo provision Store & Commenced this day to labour for the Church in the printing esstablishment. Elder Taylor & myself Spent the afternoon in taking an invoice of the printing esstablishment & met in Council in the evening at Joseph Store

4th I spent the day with Br Taylor in finishing the invoice of the printing esstablishment Books & Stationary & in the evening we agreemet at Josephs Store & E Robinson made out the deed to W. Richards of his lot & house containing the printing esstablishment & all Appurtenances belonging thereto Amounting in all to $6.600 Dollars

5th Saterday this is tithing day I Assisted Elder W. Richards in taking in the tithing for the Temple it was a busy day, we took in $1000 dollars of property or more I Spent the evening with Joseph & Elder Richards at the printing office

6th Sunday I spent the day at home writing Elders Young & Kimball have gone to Ramsharp to hold a two days meeting

Feb. 7th 1842

Feb 7, 8, 9, 10 + 11 I spent in the printing office & was busy in setting in order many things about the office

12th I attended the City Council it was an interesting day the subject of our rights was discused & among other things a law passed regulating Hawkers pedlers & Botiniers &c

13th I preached on Sunday at Br Israel Barlows to a full house & had an interesting time

14, 15, 16 was spent at the printing Office laboring in the temporal Concerns thereof

17th A Special city Council was called & among the business of the day A law was passed regulating marriage Joseph the Seer made many litteresting remarks concerning our privilges Council adjourned to next day evening

18th City Council met at early candle light according to adjournment After some business on roads was performed Joseph the Seer took the floor & followed Gen Bennet Concerning lawful rights &c his speech was truly interesting & powerfull

19th This was a busy day in each department of business it being tithing day for the temple their was much business done at the store property brought in & Cr we sent about two bushels of the Fines & Seasons to the post office to send to our patrons I received 3 papers from Mr Ezra Carter-Jr which contained much intelligence of various kinds

It is truly interesting edifying & glorious to contemplate the great & mighty work which God has set his hand to esstablish in these last days by revealing the fullness of the everlasting Gospel as recorded in the Book of mormon & esstablishing his church &

kingdom as at the Beginning which is according to the order of heaven with Seers prophets Apostles Elders Priests, Bishops, Teachers Revelation, Administering of Angels gifts graces Knowledge wisdom tongues healings &c &c Truly the Lord has raised up Joseph the Seer of the Seed of Abraham out of the loins of ancient Joseph, & is now clothing him with might power & wisdom & knowledge which is more clearly manifest & felt in the midst of his intimate friends than any other class of mankind, The Lord is Blessing Joseph with Power to reveal the mysteries of the Kingdom of God; to translate through the Urim & Thummim Ancient records & Hieroglyphics as old as Abraham or Adam, which causes our hearts to burn within us while we behold their glorious truths opened unto us, Joseph the Seer has presented us some of the Book of Abraham which was written by his own hand but hid from the knowledge of man for the last four thousand years but has now come to light though the mercy of God Joseph has had these records in his possession for several years but has never presented them before the world in the english language untill now, But he is now about to publish it to the world of parts of it by publishing it in the Times & Seasons, for Joseph the Seer is now the Editor of that paper & Elder Taylor assists him in writing while it has fallen to my lot to take charge of the Business part of the establishment, I have had the privilege this day of assisting in setting the TYPE for printing the first peace of the BOOK OF ABRAHAM that is to be presented to the inhabitants of the EARTH in the LAST DAYS

My Soul has been much edifyed of late from time to time in hearing Joseph the Seer converse about the mysteries of the Kingdom of God truly GOD is with him & is making him mighty in wisdom & knowledge & I am convinced for myself that none of the Prophets Seers or Revelators of the Earth have ever accomplished a greater work that will be accomplished in the Last days through the mercy of God By JOSEPH THE SEER

Feb 20 Sunday Feb. 20th 1842

I spent the day at home reading & writing

21 22 23 24 25th 26 was spent in the printing office Nothing remarkable transpired with us during the week excepting we prepared A plate for making a cut at the Commencement of the Book of Abraham which is to be published in the 9 No of the 3 vol of the Times & Seasons which will be interesting to many of the inhabitants of the earth. I have read the life of Wm Colbett during the past week & in many respects find to be interesting

27th Sunday I spent the day at home writing

28th Spent the day at the printing office

March 1st 1842 My Birth Day

I am 35 years of age this day as the Spring enters, And thinking I could not Celebrate my Birth day more effectually than to meet my best friends I killed a Turkey made a feast & invited Some of my friends to attend Some came & Some could not The Company Consisted of Joseph the Seer & Lady Elders H C Kimball & Lady O. Taylor & Lady & Mother, Dr W Richards & John E. Page. After Supper the evening was mostly Spent in hearing Joseph the Seer converse about the blessings of the Kingdom of God much to our edification,

March 2nd 1842

March 2d I spent the day as usual at the Offic

3d was spent at Printing Office

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March 4th 1842. Phebe A. Woodruff
was Born this morning 30 minutes past 10 o'clock
unto us a child is given! unto us a daughter is born
Mother & babe doing well. May the Lord be praised
for all his mercies unto us

After leaving my family Comfortable I spent a
busy day at the Office making up the Mails or prep
-airing papers for it

5th I attended the City Council through the day
& past some important laws such as recording
deeds & other instruments of writing in Nauvoo
Bought a lot of land of H. Grant Kimball
& Sunday I preached at Br Matthews House

7th I visited the Block of land north of the Temple
which I bought of H. Kimball & spent part of the
day in the printing Office

8th I Spent the day getting wood out of the
river cutting it & getting it home I drew with
Cord & a half to my door & spent some time in
the office

9 Spent the day at the printing Office & in the
evening attended Court at Hyrum Smiths office
where Alexander M. Davis was found guilty of
Slandering the Character of Joseph Smith & was
bound over to keep the peace under $100 bond
after Court was over Joseph Smith & the Twelve
Supped upon a rost Turkey with Sister Hyde

March 10. I spent the day at the printing office

March 10th 184



11th The Nauvoo Legion met on parade this day I rode in the Legion in company with the quorum of the Twelve as assistant Chaplain It was the first time I had seen the Legion on parade it caused peculiar feelings to rest upon me while gazing upon this Legion & contemplate the past present & to come,,

After the business of the day was closed, I attend the trial of Elder Gladden F. Bishop at President Joseph Smith House, & it was an interesting time. Gladden had set himself up as some great thing for 8 or 9 years & the church had been somuch troubled with him by his foolish conduct that he had been cut off anum. ber of times from the church & restored, & he had now set himself up as a prophet & Revelator to the church & a number of his revelations were brought forward & red before the Congregations & it was the greatest Bundle of Nonsens ever put together. it would have taken Gladdell Bishop ten thousand years to have accomplished the work which he said in his pretended revelations he should perform he took the name of God in vain & his crime was so great in his blaspheming God in his pretended revelations that Joseph the Seer said that nothing would excuse him in the sight of God & angels in Commiting the unpardonable Sin owing because he was a fool & had not sens sufficient for the Holy Ghost to enlighten him After his Revelations were read condemned & commited to the flames he was Cut off from the Church & given over to the buffetings of Satan until the day of the Lord Jesus

12. The Court Marshall of the Nauvoo Legion met at Gen Joseph Smith I attended the rank rool was made out so that each officer might know his place I spent part of the day in the printing office

March 13th 1842

13th Sunday I spent the day at home with my family & wrote some in my Journal

14th Spent the day in printing Office

15th [illegible] The Nauvoo Masonic Lodge was formed established and organized this day, The possession was formed at half past one oclock at Joseph's Store & marched in possession to the grave in front of the temple & organized the lodge & an address was delivered by the Grand master of the Masonic Lodge of Illinois good order prevailed it was judged their was about 3000 citizens assembled on the occasion

16 Received a letter from Mr Webster which brought information from my father's house

17 I wrote a letter to L R Foster spent day till prin

17 I wrote a letter to Dwight Webster

18th I spent the day in the printing office

19 Spent the day in the printing Office we struck off about 500 No of the 10 NO 3 vol of Times & Seasons which contained the portion of the Book of Abraham that gave his account of Kolob, Oliblish, God sitting upon his Throne The Earth, other planets & many great & glorious things as revealed to Abraham through the power of the priesthood, The truths of the Book of Abraham are truly edifying great & glorious which are among the rich treasures that are revealed unto us in the last days

March 20th 1842

March 20th Sunday. Sermon of Joseph the Seer

A large assembly of Saints gather together at an early hour to hear a discours delivered upon the subject of Baptism by Joseph the Seer; for a Dead young child was dead & his Corpes presented in the assembly it called forth many remarks from the Speaker upon death & the resurrection which were in the highest degree interesting & his remarks upon Baptism was truly glorious to the believer in Jesus Christ — The following is a brief Synopsis of some of the items presented in the discours

The Speaker read the 14th Revelations. And Says "we have again the warning voice sounded in our midst which shows the uncertainty of human life. And in my leasure moments I have meditated upon the subject, & asked the question Why is it that infants innocent Children are taken away from us. esspecially those that seem to be most intelligent beings" Answer "This world is a very wicked world & it is a proverb that the world grow weaker & wiser, but if it is the case the world grows more wicked & corrupt. In the early ages of the world A righteous man & a man of God & intelligence had a better chance to do good to be received & believed than at the present day. but in these days such a man is much opposed & persecuted by most of the inhabitants of the earth & he has much Sorrow to pass through, hence the Lord takes many away even in infancy that they may escape the envy of man, the Sorrows & evils of this present world & that with pure & to lovly to live on Earth, Therefore if rightly Considerd ~~we have~~, instead of morning we have reason to rejoice, as they are delivered from evil & we shall soon have them again, What shame is their for infidelity when we are parting with our friends almost daily more at all The infidel will grasp at every straw for help until death stares him in the face & then his infidelity

takes its flight for the realities of the eternal world are resting upon him in mighty power & when every earthly support & prop fails him, he then sensibly feels the eternal truths of the immortality of the Soul.* Also the doctrin of Baptizing Children or sprinkling them or they must welter in Hell is a doctrin not true not supported in Holy Writ & is not consistant with the Character of God The moment that Children leave this world they are taken to the bosom of Abrahom The only difference between the old & young dying is one lives longer in heaven & Eternal light & glory than the other & was freed a little sooner from this miserable wicked world Notwithstanding all this glory we for a moment loose sight of it & mourn the loss but we do not mourn as those without hope.* (We should take warning & not wait for the death bed to repent) As we se the infant taken away by death, so may the youth & middle as well as the infant suddenly be called into eternity, Let this then proove as a warning to all not to procrastinate repentance or wait till a death bed for it is the will of God that man should repent & serve him in health & in the Strength & power of his mind in order to secure his blessings & not wait uncill he is called to die.

"My intention (says the Speaker) was to have treated upon the Subject of Baptism, But having a case of death before us I thought it proper to refer to that Subject I will now however say a few words upon ~~that Subject~~ Baptism as I intended God has made certain decrees which are fixed & unalterable for instance God set the Sun, the moon, the stars in the heavens, & gives them their laws conditions, & bounds which they cannot pass exactly by his command, that all move in perfect harmony in there Sphere & order & are as wonders, lights & signs unto us, The Sea also has its bounds which it cannot pass God has set many Signs in the earth as well as in heaven for instance the oaks of the forest the fruit of the tree, the herd of the field all bear a sign that seed hath been planted there,

for it is a decree of the Lord that every tree fruit or herb bearing seed, should bring forth after its kind & cannot come forth after any other law or principle. upon the same principle do we contend that Baptism is a sign, ordained of God for the believer in Christ to take upon himself in order to enter into the kingdom of God, "for except you are born of the water & the spirit you cannot enter into the kingdom of God, saith the Saviour" It is a sign ~~of~~ command which God hath set for man to enter into this ~~kingdom of God~~ those who seek to enter in any other ~~why~~ will seek in vain, for God will not receive them, neither will the angels acknowledge their works as accepted, for they have not taken upon themselves those ordinances & signs which God ordained for man to receive in order to receive a celestial glory, & God has decreed that all ~~that~~ who will not obey his voice shall not escape the damnation of hell, what is the damnation of hell, to go with that society who have not obeyed his commands, Baptism is a sign to God, to Angels in heaven that we do the will of God & their is no other way beneath the heavens whereby God hath ordained for man to come ~~to God~~ & all other course is in vain, God hath decreed & ordained that man should repent of all his sins & be Baptized for the remission of his sins then he can come to God in the name of Jesus Christ in faith then we have the promise of the Holy Ghost

What is the sign of the healing of the sick? the laying on of hands, is the sign or way marked out by James & the custom of the ancient saints as ordered by the Lord & we should not obtain the blessing by persuing any other course except the way which God has mark out. What if we should attempt to get the Holy Ghost through any other means except the sign or way which God hath appointed, there we obtain it certainly not all other means would fail The Lord says do so & so & I will bless so & so their is certain key words & signs belonging to the priesthood which must be observed in order to obtain the blessings

The sign of Peter was, to repent & be baptized for the remission of Sins, with the promise of the gift of the Holy Ghost & in no other way is the gift of the Holy Ghost obtained, There is a difference between the Holy Ghost & the gift of the Holy Ghost, Cornelius received the Holy Ghost before he was Baptized which was the convincing power of God unto him of the truth of the gospel but he could not receive the gift of the Holy Ghost untill after he was Baptized, & had he not taken this Sign or Ordinance upon him the Holy Ghost which convinced him of the truth of God would have left him, untill he obeyed those ordinances & received the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands according to the order of God he could not have healed the sick or command an evil spirit to come out of a man & it obey him for the spirit might say to him as he did to the Sons of Sceva Peter I know & Christ I know but who are ye

It mattereth not whether we live long or short after we come to a knowledge of these principles & obey them, I know that all men will be damned if they do not come in the way which God has appointed

As Concerning the resurrection I will merly say that all men will come from the grave as they lie down, whether old or young their will not be added unto their stature one cubit more than taken from it, All being raised by the power of God having the Spirit of God in their bodies & not Blood Children will be enthroned in the presence of God & the Lamb with bodies of the same stature that were on earth, Having been redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb they will there enjoy a fulness of that light Glory & intelligence which is received in the celestial kingdom of God "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their

labours & their works do follow them

The Speaker before closing Called upon the vast assembly before him to humble themselves in faith before God, & in mighty Prayer & fasting to call upon his Holy name, untill the elements were purified over our heads & the earth Sanctified under our feet that the inhabitants of this City may escape the power of the disease, pestilence & destroyer that rideth upon the face of the earth & that the holy spirit of God may rest upon this vast multitude

At the close of the meeting President Smith informed the Congregation that he should attend to the ordinance of Baptism in ~~the~~ the river near his house at 2 oclock. And at the appointed hour the Bank of the missisippi was lined with a multitude of people & President Joseph Smith went forth into the river & Baptized with his own hands about 20 persons for the remission of their sins & what added joy to the scene the first person Baptized was Mr H. D. Wason a nephew of Sister Emma Smith the first of her kindred that have embraced the fulness of the gospel. At the close of this interesting scene the Administrator lifted up his hands towards heaven & implored the blessing of ~~heaven~~ God to rest upon the People, & truly the spirit of God did rest upon the multitude to the Joy & Consolation of our harts, After Baptism the Congregation again repaired to the grove near the Temple to attend to the ordinance of Confirmation & notwithstanding President Smith had spoken in the open air to the people & stood in the water to Baptized about 20 person about ~~20~~ of those Baptized received their Confirmation under his hands in the after part of the day, & during the intermission of these meetings their was probably of many more Baptized & confirmed for their Dead relatives at the Font By the Twelve And those who wish for forther information Concerning the scenes of the Sabbath in Nauvoo or any other day in the week I would say to all such Come & see W. Woodruff

March 21st 1842

H. C. Kimball Baptized abot 40 in the font I assisted in confirming abotw 20 It was truly an interesting day

March 21, 22, & 23, I spent in the printing office

24 I spent the day geting out manure upon my garden & I labored so hard it made sick I could not rest at night Br & Sister Benbow spent the night with me or evening rather

25th Willford Owen met with a sad accident this day he drank a strong lye by accide & came near killing him it eat his lungs throat & mouth very bad we were fearful he would not recover if he follows my footsteps he will have many hard accidents to pass through in life for I have been very unfortunet in my childhood & youth. in breaking my bones & run many hair-breadth es

Willford is still very poorly I spent the day in the printing office



Sunday 27 This was an interesting day A large assembly met in the grove near the Temple Br Amisa Lyman addressed the assembly & made many interesting remarks, He was followed by Joseph the Seer who made some edifying remarks Concerning Baptism for the dead, He said the Bible supported the doctrin, "why are ye Baptized for the dead if the dead rise not at all" if their is one word & the Lord that supports the doctrin it is enough to me it stred doctrin Again if we can baptize a man in the Name of the Father of the Son & of the Holy Ghost for the remission of Sins it is just as much our privilege to act as an agent & be baptized for the remission of sins for & in behalf of our dead kindred who have not herd the gospel or fulness of it After meeting closed the congregation again assembled upon the bank of the river & Joseph the Seer went into

the river & Baptized all that March 28th 1842. Came unto him &
I considered it my privilege to be Baptized for
the remission of my sins for I had not been
since I first Joined the Church in 1833 I was
then Baptized under the hands of Elder Zerah,
Pulsipher therefore I went forth into the river
& was Baptized under the hands of
JOSEPH THE SEER & likewise did Elder
H Taylor & many others & Joseph Called
upon me to assist him & I did so & went in &
Baptized 12. & then Joseph lifted up his hands
to heaven & blessed the people & the spirit of God
rested upon the Congregation we then again
repaired to the place of meeting near the Temple &
Elder Taylor & myself was confirmed by
the laying on of hands we then Commanded
confirming others who had been baptized &
confirmed about 20 Some remarks were made
by Gen Bennett & Elder Taylor & the meeting
closed,
Baptized 12 & Confirmed 20

29th Willford is still feeble but appears somewhat
I spent the day at the Printing office
Elder L. Wight has just landed in Nauvoo with
about 1100 Saints mostly from England & about
$3000 Dollars worth of Goods for the benefit of
the Nauvoo House & Temple, the Temple is progressing
well at the present time

30 ~~31~~ I spent the time in the printing office

31. Rode out onto the prairie & laid out the ground
for ditching the front of my lot visited many
Sick & laid hands upon them

April 1st Spent the day at the printing office
Counting over Hymn Book forms
2 Spent the day at the printing Office

April 3 Sunday April 3rd 1842 I spent the day in writing in
in Autobiography

4th I spent the day in the printing office

5 Spent the day in the printing office

Minutes of the
Special CONFERENCE
Held in Nauvoo April 6th 1842

It being rainy the fore part of the day
conference did not meet untill 1 oclock PM
President Hyram Smith occupied the time
mostly through the day giving instruction to
the church

7th rainy in the fore part of the day conference
opened at 1 oclock President J. Smith H Smith
Wm Howe & the Twelve took the Stand
& opened meeting & spoke upon a variety
of subjects & called upon those who wish
to be ordained to the office of an Elder to come
forward & have their names taken many
came forward

8th Sonrose present & conference opened at
10 oclock Elder L. Wight President J Smith
& Hyram Smith & others spoke when those
that were to be ordained Elders were re-
quested to remove from the rest of the congre-
gation by themselves they did so & sit
of the Twelve viz B Young H. C Kimball. O.
Pratt, L. Wight W Richards G H Smith &
myself. went forward & Ordained 275
two hundred & seventy five to the office of
Elders

This was truly an interesting time April 4th 1842
more Elders were ordain on this occasion than were ever ordained in the Church of Latter Day Saints in one day before while this was going on Elder Taylor was delivering a discourse from the Stand to the multitude & also their was baptizing and confirming (from or) at the font in the afternoon Elders Amisa Lyman & Wm Smith, occupied the Stand in the afternoon & was followed by Joseph with few remarks & the Conference closed

9th The Saints in Nauvoo assembled at the house of president Marks at an early hour in the morning to pay their last respect to the body of Ephraim Marks Son of President Marks who died on the evening of the 7th A large procession formed two by two & walked to the grove along Concourse assembled President Joseph Smith spoke upon the occasion with much feelings & interest among his remarks he said it is a very solamn & awful time I never felt more solumin it Calles to mind the death of my oldest Brother who died in New York & my Youngest Brother Carloss Smith who died in Nauvoo It has been hard for me to live on earth & see these young men upon whome we have leaned upon as a support & comfort taken from us in the midst of their youth, yes it has been hard to be reconciled to these things I have sometimes felt that I should have felt more reconciled to have been called myself if it cood have been the will of God, yet I know we ought to be still & know it is of God & be reconciled all is right it will be but a short time before we shall all in like manner be called. It may be the case with me as well as you Some has supposed that Br Joseph could not die but this is a mistake it is true their has been times when I have had the promise of my life to accomplish such & such things, but having accomplish those things I have not at present any lease of my life & am as liable to die as other men

I consent in my heart that I have not done any thing against Ephraim Marks that I am sorry for & I would ask any of his Companions if they have done any thing against him that they are sorry for. or that they would not like to meet at the bar of God if so let it prove as a warning to all men to deal justly before God & with all men then we shall be clear in the day of judgment When we loose a near & dear friend upon whom we have set our hearts we can never feel the same afterwards knowing that if we set our hearts upon others they may in like manner be taken from us President Smith made many other interesting remarks & left it for President Rigdon to close

President Rigdon arose & also said many interesting & among other Said that when we see a principle that makes us the most Happy if we will Cultivate that principle & practice it ourselves it will render others Happy for that course of Conduct that pleases you will please others, I would say to the mourners that death has made his heaviest stroke at you for should he take either of the parents away from the rest of the family it would set them down in the kingdom of God with their Son Ephraim, the speaker remarked that the death of this young man had made a vacancy in his heart that nothing could fill until it was filled by restoring the society of the same person in eternity which is the case in loosing any friend All the remarks were very appropriate that were made on the occasion, The Body was then Conveyed to the grave in Solemn silence & each as they passed by dropped in a branch of evergreen into the grave the Body was then covered with earth which closed the scenery.

The City Council met at 2 o-clock I stayed a little to season & came home with a hard headache but notwithstanding this illness I set out a bed of english strawberries & 15 stocks of english red raspberrys in my garden which closed the business of the d.

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April 10th Sunday April 10th 1842

A plesant morning A large Congregation of Saints met at the grove President William Law addressed the assembly for about 1 hour

When Joseph the Seer arose in the power of God reproved & rebuked wickedness before the people in the name of the Lord God He wished to say a few words to suit the condition of the general mass And I shall speak with authority of the priesthood in the name of the Lord God, which shall prove a savior of life unto life or of death unto death,

Notwithstanding this congregation profess to be Saints yet I stand in the midst of all characters and classes of men If you wish to go where God is you must be like God or possess the principles which God possesses for if we are not drawing towards God in principle we are going from him & drawing towards the devil, Yes I am standing in the midst of all kinds of people Search your hearts & see if you are like God, I have searched mine & feel to repent of all my sins, We have theives among us Adulterers liars, hypocritts, if God should speak from Heaven he would command you not to steal, not to commit Adultery, not to covet, not deceive but be faithful over a few things

As far as we degenerate from God we descend to the devil & looses knowledge & without knowledge we cannot be saved & while our hearts are filled with evil & we are studying evil there is no room in our hearts for good or studying good, is not God good, they then you be good, if he is faithful then you be faithful Add to your faith virtue to virtue knowledge. & seek for every good thing the Church must be cleansed & I proclaim against all iniquity. A man is saved no faster than he gets knowledge for if he does not get knowledge he will be brought into Captivity by some evil power in the other world as evil Spirits will have more knowledge & Consequently more power than many men who are

April 12th 1842

on the earth. hence it needs Revelation to assist us & give us knowledge of the things of God. What is the reason that the Priest of the day do not get Revelation They as known to consume it upon their lost their hearts are corrupt & they cloke their iniquity by saying that their is no more Revelations But if any revelations are given of God they are univers ally opposed by the priest & Christendon at large for it reveals their wickedness & abominations many other remarks of interest were made by the speaker I truly felt in my own heart that it was a profitable meeting

on my return home I was soon met by one of my old school mates & neighbours by the name of Lewis Allen native of Avon Connecticut he has called to visit Nauvoo & inquire into the principls of the Latter Day Saints he herd Joseph the Seer preach during the day & seemed much better satisfied than he expected, he spent the night with me & I told before him the first principles of the Gospel

April. 11. I spent the day at printing office Mr Allen was sick with the ague at my house

12 I spent the time as usual at the printing office Mr Allen was better of his illness called at the printing & I gave him 1. 2. & 3. vol of the Times & Seasons $4 00
To 1 Gospel Reflector — — — $1 25
To 1 Millennial Star $1 50
I met in the Lodge with Joseph the (12) Total $7 75
See Church History
I made him a present of the above works Sothat he might have a knowledge of our principls as they exist he spent the night with me

13 I walked with Neighbour Allen ~~at noon, with~~ to the ferry boat at noon & took the parting hand spent the day in the printing office

April 14th 15 + 16 April 14th 1842

Spent the time in the printing Office

17th Sunday [illegible] I Spent the day in
Company with W. Richards & Hyrum Smith

I was Baptized on the 21st for my Mother & two Brothers

18, 19 20 & 21, was Spent in the printing
Office during the evening of the 21 I was attacted
with the fever & ague with all its force & power
I had a Sick night

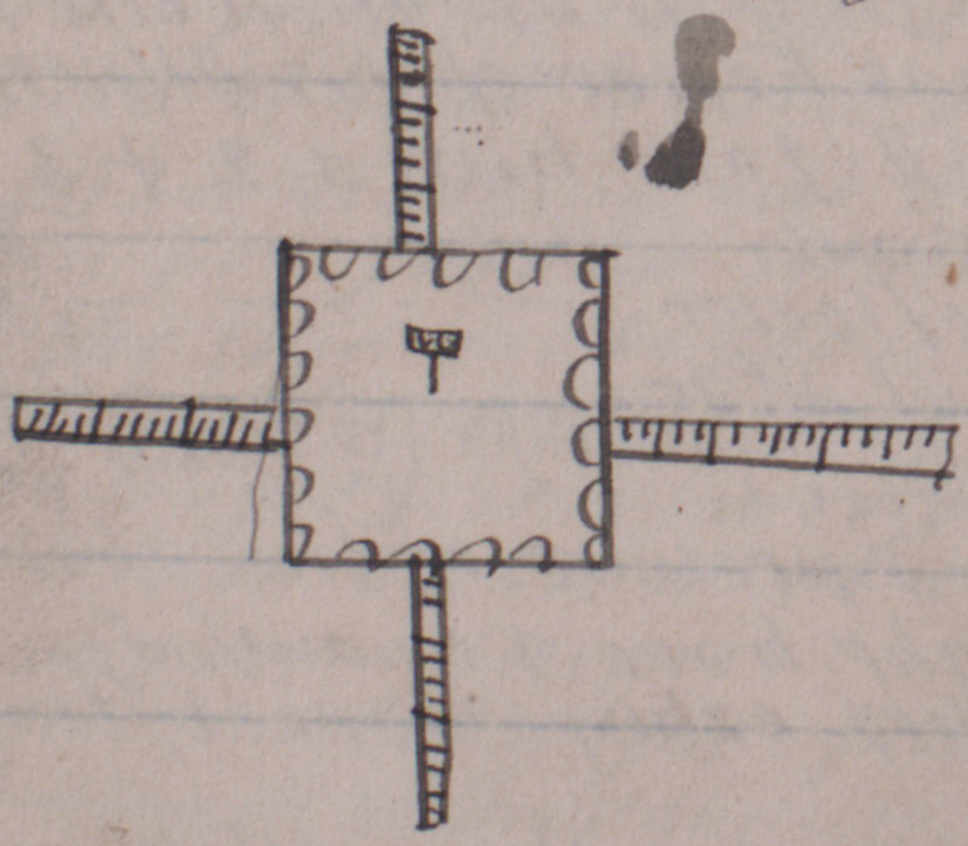
22 had a very sick day with the fever

23d was still sick with the ague & fever

24th Sunday Elder B. Young Called upon me in
the morning wished me to go with him & visit the
sick I told him I was sick myself he laid hands
upon me & prayed for me & I felt Better & got
in to the wagon with him & rode 5 miles on the
pariie to visit a sick Brother I felt much better
on my return
25th Spent the day in the printing Office

26 April. 1842 TUESDAY

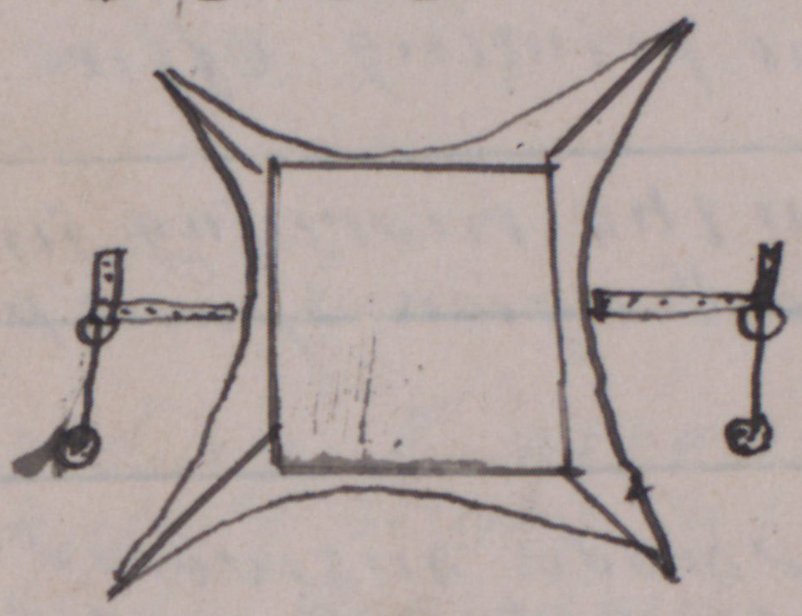
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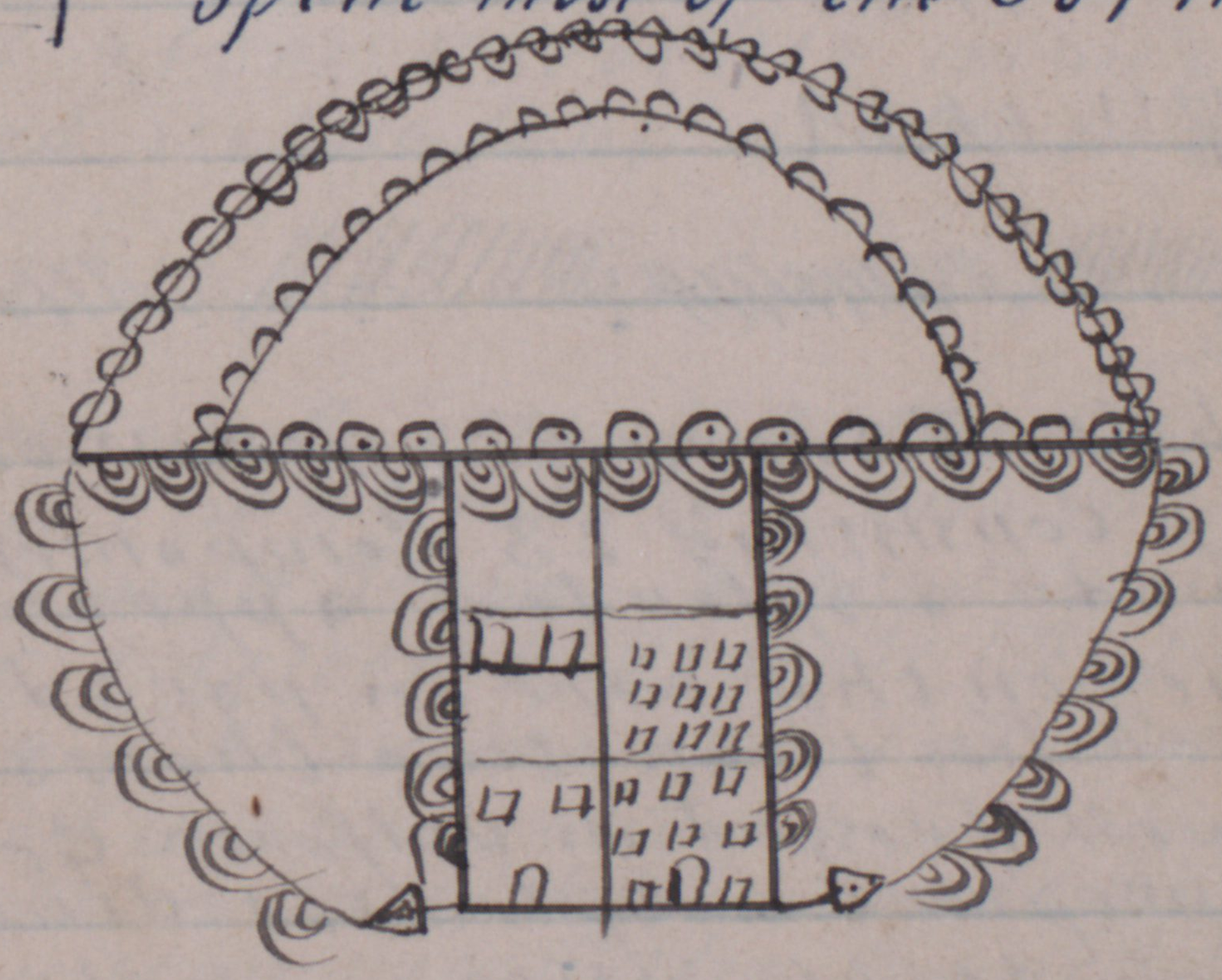
April 27th 1842

27th I received a letter from Elder Dwight Webster Containing A Note on Hartford Bank Ct of $50. dollars Nov 1. Tons 34. 95 Check letter A. for which I am to forward him my Note in a letter.

28th THURESDAY Spent the day in the printing office



29th Spent most of the day in the Office



April 30th 1842

April 30 Spent part of the day in the offis
& drew home three loads of wood & ploughed
part of my Garden which took me until in the
night I got exceeding warm & my Blood heat which
gave me excessive head ake

May 1st Sunday I wrote some in my accounts
Books & Journal
I wrote two letters one to Ezra Carter Jr
& one to Mrs. Carter.

2 3 & 4 Spent in the printing office

5th Met on parade in the morning in the office
drill of the Nauvoo Legion Spent part of the
day in the Office

6th Met again on parade answered to my
name & was dismised planted Corn on
the Kimball Block & spent part of the day
in the Office

May 7th 1842

The whole Nauvoo Legion met on parade
this day consisting 23 Companies & they
truly made a splendid appearance the
whole Legion that were on parade were
not much less than two thousand, &
mostly well dressed in uniform Gen. Joseph
Smith prepared a splendid dinner for
the whole Staff intire with their Ladies
A Steam boat Landed under the Salute
of their music at noon near Gen Smiths
& landed about 40 Saints mostly from
Herefordshire England

May 8th 1842

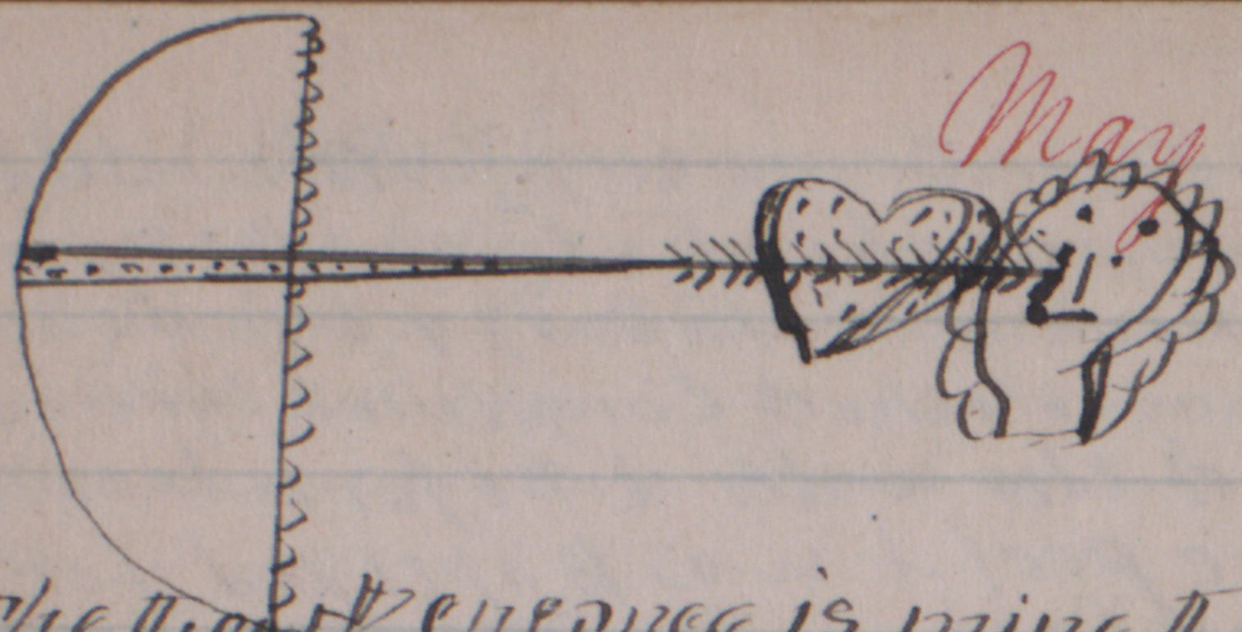
* to the font & in Company with Br. G. Rich I Baptized about one hundred for the remis-sion of Sins the healing of the Body & the dead while Elder Young & others Confirmed them as they Came out of the water & Before leaving I went into the pool & was Baptized for My Great Grand father Josiah Woodruff & My Great Grand Mother wife of Josiah Woodruff making five of my dead relatives which I have been Baptized for

9th Sunday I attended meeting with my whole family a large Congregation were assembled President Rigdon addressed the assembly upon the Subject of Religion his discourse was much to edification others followed after meeting many were Baptized in the font & also in the river

10 11 12 & 13 was Spent in the printing Office

14th Saturday I attended the City Council through the day It was the most interesting Council I ever attended in some respects I wrote 2 letters to Josiah Madison Cts to Come to Nauvoo The Twelve had a Council in the evening & Silenced Benjamin Winchester until he made Satisfaction & discountenanced the Council held in Philadelphia

15 Sunday I attended meeting at the grove Elders Wight & B. Young spoke in the fore part of the day & I addressed the Congregation in the afternoon the first time I had spoken to the assembly at large for more than two years, after meeting I went *2



May 15th 1842

"The Lord. Vengance is mine & will repay saith

[May 15th 1842] Sunday "True information has just reached us that the Noted Governor Boggs of Missoori who By his orders expelled ten thousand Latter Day Saints, Has just been assassinated in his own house & fallen in his own Blood three Ball, wer shot through his head two through his Brains & one through his mouth, tongue & throat. Thus this wicked wretch has fallen in the midst of his iniquity & the vengance of God has overtaken him at last & he has met his just deserts though by an unknown hand this information is proclaimed through all the papers & By dispatched messengers & hand Bills through the land Thos Boggs hath died as a fool dieth & gone to his place to receive the reward of his works *

I attended meeting at the grove in the forenoon Elders H. Wight & B Young preached & in the Afternoon I preached it being the first time I had spoken to the Church for more than two years, At the close of the meeting I went to the pool & Baptized in company with 66 which about 100 persons mostly for the dead & was also Baptized myself for My Great Grandfather ~~Hosiah~~ Woodruff & his wife my Great Grand Mother

Madad Itzinon says our Great Father Madan

* Boggs was shot but did not die but has since recovered from his wounds,

Madad

May 17th 1842

May 16 17 18 19 I spent in the printing office as usual

20 I received a letter from H. N. Foster New York Containing $30 00 dollars on what he owed me for Books

I wrote a letter to Br Dwight webster acknowledging the receipt of $60 dollars which he lent me & sent him a note for the same I attended a general meeting of the Nauvoo Lodge

21 I spent the day at the printing Office we have had a cold rain for three days

22 Sunday I spent the day at home writing

23, 24, 25 Spent the time in the printing Office

26 I wrote a letter to Elder H. N. Foster

27 The first Presidency & the Twelve & High Council & virtuous part of the Church are making an exhortion abot these days to clanse the church from Adulterors fornicato & evil persons for their are such persons crept into our midst The high council have held a number of meeting of late & their researches have disclosed much iniquity & a number been Cut off from the Ch I met with the High Council to day on the trial of H. O Littlefield & Noal S Miles & Darwin Chase the two former were cut of for Adultery & the Case of D Chase was put of till tomorrow

28 The Case of D Chase was tryed & he restored to fellowship by the majority of one vote I wrote a letter to Sister Shook & Carte

May 29th 1842

29th Sunday II spent part of the forenoons writing in the evening II went to the font & Baptized Elder G. A. Smith for the restoration of his health II also Baptized my wife, Phebe W Woodruff for three of her dead kindred viz her Grand Father Ethan Foshee Fabyan & Grand Mother Sarah Fabyan & Great Uncle John Fabyan

II was then Baptized under the hands of Elder G A Smith for & in Behalf of my Grand Father Elijah Woodruff & Grand Mother Dinahwood Also for the wife of said Samuel Woodruff & Phebe was Baptized for & in Behalf of her Grand Father Ezra Carter & Grand Mother Phebe W Carter, on the 21st of April the same day that II was Baptized for my Mother & two Brothers

30th II was Baptized under the hands of G A. Smith for my Great Grand father Thompson & my Great Grand Mother Thompson (Son) Also for My Grand Father Elijah Thompson & my Grand Mother Anna Thompsons

II Baptized Phebe W Woodruff for her Uncle John Fabyan Aunt Sally Fabyan Uncle George Fabyan Uncle Joseph Fabyan

II also Baptized Br. John Banbow for Six of his dead kindred Also Sister Jane Banbow for Six of her dead friends

31st Spent the time in the printing Office

June 1st spent the time in the printing office

June 2nd II carried all of my family out to John Banbows for them to spend a few days with them & during the night II was taken very Sick

3d II returned to Nauvoo went to Court Marshall but being sick went home was confined to my bed through the day

June 8th 1842

None Sat I felt some better in the morning went to the printing office & made out a bill through the day

9th Sunday my wife & one child came home with Br Benbow I had an exceeding sick day & among other afflictions the ague

10th I arose very feeble in the morning not able to get out

11th Bro Higbee was still sick suffered much pain with the ague fever, Bowel Complaint & piles all upon me at once

12th I was enabled to get to the printing office but was very feeble

13th I attended City Council part of the day & the printing office the other part

14th Sunday I attended meeting in the fore part of the day & herd Orson Pratt preach upon the subject of building up Zion

13 I spent the day in the printing office

14th I met in Conference with the Twelve in the evening we decided that Elder Hiram Clark should go to Liverpool and take Elder Amos Fielding place & that Elder Fielding bring his family to Nauvoo

15th Spent the day in the printing office

16th I attended the Nauvoo Masonic Lodge during the evening

17th I spent the day making Mail



Wes F. Carter address is No 460 Pearl st near Chatham New York City

June 18th 1842

June 18th Saterday The Citizens of Nauvoo both Male & female assembled near the Temple for a general meeting many thousands were assembled Joseph the seer arose & spoke upon several subjects

Among other Subjects he spoke his mind in great plainness concerning the iniquity & wickedness of Gen John Cook Bennet & exposed him before the public He also prophesied in the Name of the Lord Concerning the merchants in the City that if they with the rich did not open their hearts & Contribute to the poor that they would be Cursed by the hand of God & be Cut off from the land of the living, The main part of the day was taken up upon the business of the agricultural & manufacturing Society ie we have a Charter granted us by the Legislator of the State for that purpose & the time has come for us to make use of that Charter, it is divided into stock of 50. dollars each share, any person owning one share became a member of the Society a Stock-holder, each share is entitled to one vote this is esstablished with a view of helping the poor arainginents were entered into to Commence operations immediately under the Charter granted by the Legislature

Also Joseph Commanded the Twelve to organize the Church more according to the Law of God that is to require of those that come in to be settled according to their Council & also to appoint a Committee to wait upon all who arive & make them welcome & Counsail them what to do B Young. H.C Kimball & A. Smith & Hyrum Smith was the Committee appointed to wait upon emigrants & settle them

19th Sunday I attended meeting in the fore part of the day heard a discourse delivered by Elder James in the afternoon I Joined

Mr Dunn & Miss Snyder in the Bonds of Matrimony at my house June 20th 1842

20 " I spent the day in the printing office

21 A large meeting was again assembled & addressed by president Smith Concerning emigration agricultural & Manufacturing persons & was followed by the Twelve & others

22 Spent the day in the printing office

23 Spent the day in the printing Office

24 "

CELEBRATION OF ST. JOHN'S

The Nauvoo Masonic Lodge assembled at 9 A.M. at J. Smith Store received the visiting Brethren, formed procession & marched to the Temple or Stand near the Temple it was judged their was about six thousand persons present—we heard an address delivered by President Rigdon appropriate to the occasion we then returned to the Lodge & dispersed for two hours to take refreshment met at two oclock, spent two hours in the lodge we then dispersed,

I Called upon

Mr A. Grant (M D) professor of Phrenology who accompanied me to my house & examined my head & the heads of my family & gave us a Chart of each head

June 25th
June 25th 1842

I spent the day in the printing Office

26th Sunday I attended meeting & had an interesting time our congregation are increasing

27, 28, 29, 30, " I was spent in the printing Office

July 1st 2d I spent my time in the Office

3d Sunday was an interesting day about six thousand persons assembled at the place of meeting in Nauvoo & was addressed by Joseph the Seer much to our edification He read the 7th ch of Daniel & explained about the kingdom of God set up in the last days & said many things which were truly edifying

4th I

The Legion met as usual & Celebrated the day fourth of July & had an interesting time,,

5th Met in the City Council passed laws & Ordinances

6th Spent the day making mail

~~7 Spent the day making mail~~

7 Spent the day in the printing Office

8 Spent the day in the printing office

13 I wrote a letter to Milton Holmes

9th I attended City Council

10th Sunday I preached from the Stand in the fore part of the day & spent the latter part of the day at home

July 11 July 11th 1842

11 I spent the day at the printing office

12 I attended the City Council

13, 14, 15 & 16 I spent in the printing Office

17th Sunday Elder John Taylor preached in the fore part of the day, I preached in the Afternoon & expressed my feelings in plainness upon various subjects After meeting we repaired to the font & Confirmed about one hundred who were Baptized mostly for their dead relations

18th Spent the time as usual in the printing Office

19 I received a letter from Br Webster who informed me that Sister Eunice had given Birth to a Son but that she was exceeding low & weak from her lungs Complaint

20 I received a letter from L. B. Foster N. Y.

21 Spent the time in the printing office
The time has come when there is again great excitement throughout the land against the Saints This excitement has arisen partly because the Saints feel disposed to exercise those rights which the Constitution & Laws of the United States guarantee unto us equal with all other citizens in attending the elections & voting for whom we please
Also Dr John Cook Bennet has been base wicked & Corrupt & has been expelled from the Church & has gone forth abroad in all the land & is stirring up strife against the Saints by lying against them & many other of the other offences truly Come but woe unto those through whom they Come

22 Spent the time in the printing office

July 23d 1842

July 23d ~~1842~~

The time had come when we were under the necessity of having a new stock of paper & other materials for the printing Office & Book Binders which could not be purchased short of St Lowis & Joseph appointed me to go to St Lowis & purchase the articles & as it fell to my lot to perform the journey & business. I arranged my affairs & on Saterday this 23d of July I went up to the Steam Boat landing to watch for a Boat, I stoped at Br Wights which was near the landing at which place I spent four days & nights watching for a boat expecting one every hour, about noon on the 27th a boat hove in sight which we were truly glad to see it was the Galena we hailed & she stoped & took three of us on board viz Messrs Ashton, Moulton, & myself we found the boat to be heavy loaded with led having 7000 pigs on board & the water being low we soon saw we should have a slow journey the boat crossed the river to Montrose stoped & emptied the boat of its load into lighters & the hands had a tremendious fight while doing it spent the night at Montrose

28th left Montrose & rode to Nashville this made five days in sight of ~~Nashvill~~ Nauvoo after leaving home we left Nashville & went over the rapids to Keokuk 12 miles we run on to the rocks many times & spent the day getting off

29th Friday left Keokuk rainy morning stoped at Warsaw. we past Wally run on to a Sand Bank about Sedrain & lay till morning

30th Got of the Sand bank at 7 oclock passed Dedam & Marion City run on to another Sand bank which hindered the boat 6 hours I took a severe cold which settelled into the Billious fever & it was exceeding ill the remainder of the journey we passed by Hannibal which looks like a flourishing town we run onto another Sand bar about dark

31st Sunday we stoped at Louisiana for refreshments passed by Hannaville & run on to a sand bar & lay all

day + night — but lighted the boat during the time

Aug 1st 1842

Aug 1st An exceding Cold day + night + morning as for myself I am in almost every kind of trouble A severe cold has settelled throughout my body I have the Rheumatism, teeth ake head ake bones ake have got the musketoe fever Bilious fever, + sick Stomack, + am fearful that if we run on to many more Sand bars + am many more weeks getting to St Louis + if the Musketoes do not favor me more than they have done, that it will be a question whether I ever reach home or not — but I hope for the best, H we have run & smash into another Sand bank we have not gone more than 3 miles since we left the other that we was on the whole day this is election day in Illinois Nauvoo + c. I wish I was there but here I am fast on a sand bar + like to be we are both out of provisions + wood I think sumthing will be done for the hands have gon on to the Island Cutting wood, got a lighter + took of some of the led we then got off the bar + soon got on another soon got of + sailed 3 miles up the river + down again in another Channel, then tied up to a wood pile + spent the night

2d Start well in the morning, the Musketoes have spotted up my face in a dredful manner after running aground twice we passed Alton + the mouth of the Missouri River + arived in St Louis at 12 oclock A M we stoped at the American House After Dining one of my busy scenes Commenced notwithstand my ill State of health with the fever raging upon me I had much to do + but 24 hours to accomplish it in I bought my stock of paper + other articles + walked till 10 oclock at night was tired out returned to the tavern + went to bed sick with severe pain in the head I did not get sleep untill 2 oclock

3d Was awoke in the morning by bleeding at the nose bled 1 pint felt very weak much pain in the head not seen a well day since I left home, commenced business before breakfast

continued at it untill 2 o'clock P.M. got all goods + things on board the steamboat Rapids + Bills of Lading made out got dinner went to bed tired + sick enough. left St-Louis at 6 o'clock P.M.

4th Aug 1842 Travelled well through the day run on to some sand Bars had to get a lighter + light of from one of them I continued to suffer much with pain in the head + canker in the mouth I killed the canker by chewing a piece of tobacco

5th Friday nose bled considerable in the morning we sail well passed Marion city, to — Quincy at 2 o'clock arived at Keokirk in the night

6th I left the Boat took Stage arived at Montrose in the midst of a Masonic possession A lodge was instituted in Montrose I had an interview with Joseph then crossed to Nauvoo home again I was thoroughly pickled with the Billious fever but not withstond my sickness I could not stop to rest for on my return I found the printing Office had stood still for about 10 day for the want of paper + the Boat was 5 days getting over the rapids during which time I went down the River with a skiff 6 miles to the Boat + got what paper we needed for the present use we were untill midnight rowing over the rapids back again + in addition to my fever I had a sever cough. distance to St Louis + Back 402 miles

10th As soon as the Boat arived at Nauvoo + landed our freight + I saw it distributed to its several places where it Belonged I went home + retired to my bed + passed through the Severest fit of Sickness I ever experience in life I had a thorough Course of the Billious fever I was Brought exceeding low + for several days I stood between life + death I felt some of the time like gathering up my feet + sleeping with my fathers

I was confined to my Bed or house from the
10th of Aug to the 19th of Sept making 40 days
during my sickness the Twelve Came & anoint
ine & layed hands upon me & rebuke my
fever & I felt a testimony that I shoold recov.
after I Began to recover I had a relaps twice whi
put me Back much. In one instance I was
requested to attend a Conference or Council of the
quorum of the Twelve in the Case of Orson Pratt
I was weak & feeble yet I thought I would try to
meet with them with the expectation that they
would meet at Elder John Taylors who was
also very low with the Billious fever But on our
arival at his house he was so very feeble he was
not able to have it there so it was removed to
President Hyrams Smiths Office Elder B, Young
Conveyed me in his Carriag to the place of
meeting but I had not Been in the house more
than 10 minutes before my strength began to
fail me I lay down upon a bench but had no
sooner lain down than I was gone my breath
stoped, my Brethren raised me up took me to the
door into the air & with the assistance of wate
air & I was brought to Breath again but not withou
a hard struggle between life & death the Breth-
ering laid hands upon me & Br Hyram Smith
prayed for my recovery I soon began to brea
free but I was deprived of all my Strength
they convey me home, it being a warm time
I was much troubled for Breathing through most
of the night & it took me Several days to recov
my former Strength.
During my Sickness there was some important
things transpired in the Church we receiv
the word of the Lord Concerning the
Elders of the Church (through Joseph the
Seer) The Lord manifested that it was
his will that the first presidency, the
Twelve, The High Council the quor
of High Priest, and the Elders quorum
as a general thing Should go into
the vineyard, The instructions were
for the Elders to confine themselves to the

to the free States + mostly to New England
& the Candidas not to go to any of the Indians
of Slave States The result was that a
special Conference was Called + three or
four hundred Elders were called upon to
go into the viney ard + about 400 Elders have
since gone + many others are going their
has never at any time been as great a
turn out into the viney ard since the
foundation of the Church, Br W Taylor + my-
self are the owny ones of the Twelve that
have not gone out into the viney ard we being
sick could not go besides it was thought
wisdom for us to continue in the printing
Business, There was a Counsel of the
Twelve held for four days with Elder -
Orson Pratt to labour with him to
get him to recall his sayings against Joseph
+ the The Twelve but he persisted in his
wicked Course + would not recall any of his
sayings which were made in public against
Joseph + others sayings which were unjust
+ untrue, The Twelve then rejected
him as a member of their Quorum + he
was cut off from the Church, Br John Cook Bennet was
the ruin of Orson Pratt, Hewan Cut off from
the Church Aug 20. 1842 President Joseph
Smith has been much persecuted of late
by being hunted & sought for by Sheriffs
+ officers from Missouri + Illinois
by the orders of Governors Reynolds +
Carlin under pretence of taking him to Missouri
to try him for being accessary to the shooting
of Ex Gov Boggs but it is no more or less than
the spirit of persecution But though Joseph
has been deprived of the privilege of appearing
openly + deprived of the society of his own
family Because Sheriffs are hunting him to
destroy him without Cause Yet the LORD is
with him As he was upon the Isle of Patmos
with John. Joseph has presented the Church
of late with some glorious principles from the
Lord Concerning Baptism for the dead

+ other interesting ~~Subjects~~ Subjects, he has appeared occasionally in the midst of the Saints which has been a great Comfort to the Saints But I was deprived of attending as I was confined with Sickness,

I wrote a letter to Br Webster in answer to one I received from him

I also received a letter from Br Turpin

Sept 19th I Commenced work this day for the first time for 40 days I had made arrangements with Brother Bullard to do my fall work with his team but he informed me this morning that he would return to Town + what use I had of his team I must use it during the week As I had been sick so long I had eat out + Burned out as it were for having any wood I turned out to work. I cut one acre of Corn during my first days work + stooked it up

20th + 21st Spent these two days drawing wood to my door

22d Spent the day Chareing about home I had an interview with Elders Young + Kimball who had returned home for a few days to get some printing done they were going out again in few days to hold Conferences through this State, they had met in Council with Joseph who thought it wisdom for Elder Taylor + myself to remain at home + attend to Printing, The Lord hath opened a door within a few days for puting the last town of Nauvoo into the hands of the Saints + Josephs Council was for me to go to Nauvoo + publish a political paper + Elder Taylor publish the Times + Seasons in Nauvoo so I amarranging the affairs of my family to do as the Lord may direct I in addition to my own sickness Mrs Woodruff has had arising on both of her thumbs which appears

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to be a species of the fellon which has caused her much pain for two or three weeks Also our Babe Phebe Amelia has been quite sick for two or three weeks ago for two days has been considered dangerous

23d ‖ Spent the day drawing corn on the stock ‖ drew one acre of corn 1 mile + put it into a rick at home, + felt exceeding weary at night ‖ The Officers of the Nauvoo Legion met for training & were fined $1 each day

24th ‖ spent the day drawing rails + wood ‖ The whole Legion met on parade, my child seems to fail, ‖ ‖ rented my house to Bp Pay provisions store pay &c for $3 per month

25th Sunday ‖ went down early in the morning to the printing Office + Baptized Brother Amiza Bonney + while absent from home our child had a poor turn + Phebe thought it would die before ‖ reached home But she revived yet had a sick day ‖ spent the day at home writing in my Journal ‖ ordained one Priest to the office of an Elder, Brother Morley Joined me in anointing + laying on of hands upon my child + she began to revive from that moment Br Joseph Appeared upon the stand + addressed the Saints much to their edification though quite unexpectedly to them

26 Monday ‖ Commenced labours this day again in the printing Office the first time ‖ have been to the printing Office for 40 days our babe is still very sick

27, 28, 29 + 30 ~~+ 31~~ was spent in the printing office most of the time Dosing Babe

Sept 1st ‖ was spent in the printing Office

Oct 2 1848

Oct 2 Sunday Elder John Taylor called upon me & informed me that I was not going to Nicokorik, but Joseph wished me to Assist in the printing in Nauvoo Elder Alexander Arived from the South & called upon me Our Babe has been preserved unto us She appeared to be delivered from her fever & is fast recovering. it has been very healthy in Nauvoo this fall until of late within a few days many have been taken sick & a Number of dead

3 4 5, 6, 7, & 8, was spent in the printing Office

9th Sunday walked to Brother Burgess & visited a number of Sick persons & administered unto them

10 & 11 Spent as usual in the Printing Office

12 Joseph the Seer is driven from home & deprived of the Society of the Church & his family because of falshood, Slander & Persecution from the hands of Governors rulers & wicked & ungodly men He is in exile something like John on the Isle of Patmos He wrote a letter to Joseph & sent him some papers & Sweet potatoes

13 14 & 15 was spent in the printing Office

16th Sunday I preached in the forepart of the day to the Congregation of the Saints & warned the Church against Counselling against the interest of the Church but to take a Course that would help Joseph while in exile or being driven from home by wicked & ungodly men

in the afternoon of the day I walked
a mile north to preach a funeral Sermon
but when I arived preaching was omitted
as their was no more than time to
bury the dead

19. 20 21 & 22 I was spent in the
printing Office about my daily labour
as usual

23d Sunday I Spent in transacting
some business of importance in behalf of
Hancock with Mr Bamet

24th We had a fire in the upper part
of the printing office this morning & we
came near burning down one minute
delay more & we should not have saved
the building

25th I went out to John Benbows to
get our son Wilford Owen he had been
Choked near three days & had not
swallowed any thing during the time when
we got there he had got relieved & could
swallow we brought him home, distance 12

26 27 28 & 29 was spent in the printing
Office as usual



30th For the first time the Saints
of God had the privilege of meeting in
the Temple of the Lord in Nauvoo &
temporary floor was laid within the
unfinished walls ~~which~~ & seats prepared
which would seat about 3000 persons &
the room was crouded & the walls covered
Joseph the Seer had returned to the City
of Nauvoo & was expected to preach to the
people but ill health & other things prevented

Oct 31 ‖ attended City Council at night
Spent the day in the printing Office

Nov 1 2 3 4 + 5 ‖ Spent the time in the printing Office days + evenings ‖ Spent at Elder Wilard Richards + Brayton drawing off the Times + Seasons Mail Book Elder Wilard Richards returned from the east with his family to Nauvoo on Sunday Oct 30 he came to my house Monday night was taken at 2 o'clock with the Cholera Morbus + was exceeding sick ‖ was with him for several hours, he was low for several days On Tuesday morning our son Wilford was taken very sick with the croup + it seemed as though he would die for a little time + was sick for several days + then recovered + We've twelve returned home on friday +

6th Sunday ‖ Spent the day in company with Elder Clayton Elder H Smith preach in the fore part of the day

7 T W T F S 10 11 & 12 ‖ was spent in the Printing Office + in the City Council, Elder Taylor + myself had an interview with Joseph Smith + he wished us to take the responsibility of the printing Office upon ourselves + liberate him from it he proffered to rent the property to us for simple interest + we concluded to take it ‖ We spent several days in the City Council passing a law relative to writ of Habes Corpes After it was passed Joseph felt secure to stay at home as the law protected him as well as all other citizens

13 Sunday ‖ Spent most of the day at the printing Office

14th Spent the day at the printing Office

15 An exceeding Severe Snow Storm the worst ‖ ever knew in the western country at the season of the year

16th W or ~~Oct~~ 16th 1842 Continues an exceedingly Cold day both mornt & eveng we got out the 1st No. Vol. of the Times & Season Edited By John Taylor & Published By John Taylor & W Woodruff — Commenced mailing Mail

17 Cold weather Still Continues many are suffering for the want of wood & provisions the early winter has caught many unprepared

18 Spent the day in the printing Office

19 Attended City Council in the morning Traveled through town during the day on business Saw Br Pollin from Nadbury Eng told him he might go into my house which was empty A man had just left it been in one month & 20 days Went duck Shooting with the grand Master of Vermont Lodge Delivered Address at the Lodge room in the afternoon & Smith Stone which was quite interesting

20 Sunday Spent the day at home writing

21st Two of our Brethren was found frozen to death on the prairie Alpheus Harmon & his Nephew were the persons they were found Seven miles apart. Spent most of my time in the Printing Office

22, 23 Spent most of my time in the printing Office assisted in laying out one of the Corps of the Harmons

24th Preached the funeral Sermon of the Harmons it was very Cold

25, 26 Spent the time in the printing Office

27th Sunday went over the river on the ice with Wm W Phelps

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28th 29, 30 Spent the time in the printing Office & running about town to get teams fast to go to St Louis for paper we had another severe snow storm on the 29th on the 30th team & man came to the printing office to go to St Louis but Wm W Phelps who was going was sick & postponed it until the day following

Dec 1st I met at W Taylors in company with Wm W Phelps & Br Taylor & myself paid Br Phelps hand $2.53 dollars to go to St Louis for paper & other materials he started with a waggon in the snow

2d I spent the day taking a schedule or invoice of the property of the printing Office

3d Also & to try to settle affairs with Joseph but as he was very busy in attending Conference we progressed but slowly with it

4th Sunday I spent the day at the printing Office

5th Monday Dec busy time with me I Spent the day in looking & counting over the property Hymn Books Books of Mormon &c to be made out in the Schedule

6 Spent the day in printing Office

7, Elder O White returned to Nauvoo this day after being absent two years & a half on a mission to England Germany Asia Jerusalem he visited Mount Olivet &c he was the first Elder of the Church of Latter Day Saint that ever visited Jerusalem

8 9, 10 was spent in the printing Office & preparing a writing as an article of agreement between Taylor & Woodruff & Joseph Smith in renting the printing Office

Dec 11th 1842

Dec 11 Sunday Elder Orson Hyde delivered an interesting discourse at President Joseph Smiths giving an account of his travels at Jerusalem & home again which was interesting he saw the Mediterranean & dead sea at the same time from mount Olivet saw smoke of fog continually arising from the dead sea spoke of the sepulchers & many things that put him in mind of the days of christ he published our principles in the German language & circulated them among the various nations

12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, I spent my time as usual in the Printing

18th Sunday Spent the day at home

19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, Spent the week in the printing Office

25, Sunday spent the day at home writing

26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 spent the time in the printing office. this closes the year of 1842 thus year after year is rolling away into eternity the commencement of the year found me in the City of London & the end in Nauvoo, Printing

As the Lord has been merciful & preserving my family & my own life from death so may the Lord still preserve us for the year to come & from Death Sickness & every evil & enable us to do the will of God & overcom the world

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I Procured 24 Subscribers for the Times & Seasons

Synopsis of proceedings of Wilford Woodruff during the year AD 1842

I Travelled	450	Miles
Held	10	meetings
Attended	2	Conferences
Councils	4	
Baptized (130) for the dead (13) remission of sins	143	persons
Was Baptized for dead relatives	17	
Confirmed	110	persons
Ordained	75	Elders
Married	4	persons
Attended City Council	12	Days
Wrote Letters	15	
Received Letters	10	
I Reported & recorded in this Journal		
six sermons or addresses from President J. Smith	6	records

Spent most of the time during the past in the printing Office attending attending to the printing of the Times & Seasons & Voice & Book of Mormon keeping & posting Books &c

I Procured 24 Subscribers for the Times 24 Subscr

Instructions delivered by Pres.t Joseph Smith before the Female Relief Society of Nauvoo. Ap 28. 1842

Pres.t J. Smith arose & called the attention of the Meeting to the 12.th Chap. 1.st Corin.th "Now concerning Spiritual gifts" &c, said there the passage which reads "No Man can say Jesus is the christ but by the Holy Ghost", should be translated, No Man can know. &c,

He contin.d to read the chapter & give instructions respecting the different offices, & the necessity of every individual acting in the sphere allotted him or her & filling the several offices to which they were appointed - spoke of the disposition of men, to consider the lower offices in the church dishonorable & to look with jealous eyes upon the standing of others, that it was the nonsense of the human heart, for a person to be aspiring to other stations than appointed of God - that it was better for individuals to magnify their respective callings, & wait patiently till God shall say to them come up higher, He said the reason of these remarks being made, was, that some little thing was circulating in the Society, that some persons were not going right in laying hands on the sick &c, said if he had common sympathies, would rejoice that the sick could be healed, that the time had not been before that these things could be in their proper order that the church is not now organized into its proper order, & cannot be until the temple is completed --- Pres Smith continued the subject by adverting to the commission given to the ancient apostles "Go ye into all the world &c" - No matter who believeth; these signs, such as healing the sick, casting out devils &c, should follow all that believe wether Male or female. He asked the society if they could not see by this sweeping stroke that wherein they are ordained it is the privilege of those set apart to administer in that authority which is conferred on them & if the sisters should have faith to heal the sick, let all hold their tongues, and let every thing roll on.

He said if God has appointed him, & chosen him as an instrument to lead the church, why not let him lead it through? Why stand in the way, when he is appointed to do a thing? Who Knows the mind of God? Does he not

reveal things differently from what we expect? He remarked that he was continually rising - altho' he had every thing bearing him down, standing in his way & opposing - after all he always comes out right at the end.

Respecting females laying on hands, he further remarked there could be no devil in it if God gave his sanction by healing that there could be no more sin in any female laying hands on the sick than in wetting the face with water that it is no sin for any body to do it that has faith, or if the sick has faith to be healed by the administration.

He approved those that were disposed to find fault with the Management of concerns - saying if he undertook to lead the church he would lead it right - that he calculates to organize the church in proper order &c.

Oro Smith continued by speaking of the difficulties he had to surmount ever since the commencement of the work in consequence of aspiring men, "dead big Elders" as he called them, who had caused him much trouble, whom he had taught in the private council; & they would go forth into the world & proclaim the things he had taught them; as them our revelations - said the same aspiring disposition will be in this Society - & must be guarded against - that every person should stand & act in the place appointed, & thus sanctify the society & get it pure.

He said he had been trampled under foot by aspiring Elders, for all were infected with that Spirit, for instance P. Pratt. O. Pratt. O. Hyde & T. Page had been aspiring they could not be exalted but run away as tho' the care & authority of the church were vested with them - he said he had a subtile devil to deal with & could only curb him by being humble.

He said as he had this opportunity he was going to instruct the society & point out the way for them to conduct, that they might act according to the will of God - that he did not know as he should have many opportunities of teaching them. as they were going to be left to themselves, they would not long have him to instruct them, that the church would not have his instruction long, & the world would not be troubled with him a great while, & would not have his teaching

He spoke of delivering the Keys to this Society & the church that accordingly to his prayers God had appointed him

elsewhere.

He exhorted the Sisters always to concentrate their faith and prayers for, & place confidence in those whom God has appointed to honor, whom God has placed at the head to lead that we should arm them with our prayers, that the Keys of the Kingdom are about to be given to them that they may be able to detect every thing false, as well as to the Elders.

He said if one member becomes corrupt & you know it; you must immediately put it away. The Sympathies of the heads of the church have induced them to bear with those that were corrupt; in consequence of which all become contaminated, you must put down iniquity & by your good example provoke the Elders to good works, if you do right no danger of going too fast: he said he did not care how fast we run in the path of virtue, resist evil & there is no danger. God, men, angels, & devils, cant condemn those that resist every thing that is evil - as well might the devil seek to dis throne Jehovah as that soul that resists every thing that is evil.

The charitable Society, this is according to your natures, it is natural for females to have feelings of charity you are now placed in a situation where you can act according to those Sympathies which God has planted in your bosoms.

If you live up to these principles how great & glorious! if you live up to your privilege, the angels cannot be restrained from being your associates — females if they are pure & innocent can come into the presence of God, for what is more pleasing to God than innocence, you must be innocent or you can not come up before God, if we would come before God let us be pure ourselves. The devil has great power, he will so transform things as to make one gape at those who are doing the will of God. You need not be tearing men for their deeds, but let the weight of innocence be felt, which is more mighty than a mill stone hung about the neck. not war, not jangle, not contradiction, but meekness, love, purity, these are the things that should magnify us. — A clean must be brought

to light, iniquity must be purged out, then the veil will be rent and the blessings of heaven will flow down they will roll down like the Mississippi River. This Society shall have power to command Queens in their midst, I now deliver it as a prophecy that before ten years shall roll round the Queens of the earth shall come & pay their respects to this Society; they shall come with their Millions & shall contribute of their abundance for the relief of the poor - If you will be pure, nothing can hinder!

After this instruction you will be responsible for your own sins, it is an honor to save yourselves all are responsible to save themselves.

Pres[t]. Smith after reading from the above mentioned chap[r]. continued to give instruction respecting the order of God, as established in the church, saying every one should aspire only to magnify his own office &c.

He then commenced reading the 13[th]. chapt "Though I speak with the tongues of Men &c"; & said don't be limited in your views with regard to your neighbors virtues, but be limited towards your own virtues, & not think your selves more righteous than others, you must enlarge your souls towards others, if you would do like Jesus, & carry your fellow creatures to Abrahams bosom.

He said he had manifested long suffering & we must do so too — Pres[t]. Smith then read "Though I have the gift of prophecy" &c, He then said though one should become mighty, do great things, overturn Mountains &c & should then turn to eat & drink with the drunken; all former deeds would not save him, but he would go to destruction!.

As you increase in innocence & virtue as you increase in goodness let your hearts expand, let them be enlarged towards others. You must be long suffering & bear with the faults & errors of Mankind, How precious are the souls of Men! The female part of community are apt to be contracted in their views. You must not be contracted,

but you must be liberal in your feelings.

Let this Society teach how to act towards husbands to treat them with mildness & affection. When Men is borne down with trouble when he is perplexed, if he can meet a smile, an argument, if he can meet with mildness it will calm down his soul & soothe his feelings, when the mind is going to despair it needs a solace.

This Society is to get instruction thro' the order which God has Established, thro' the medium of those appointed to lead & I now turn the Key to you in the name of God & this Society shall Rejoice & Knowledge & intelligence shall flow down from this time - this is the beginning of better days to this Society.

When you go home never give a cross word, but let Kindness charity & love, crown your works hence forward, about envy sinners have mercy on them, God will destroy them. Let your labors be mostly confined to those around you in your own circle; as fast as knowledge is concerned, it may extend to all the world, but your administrations should be confined to the circle of your immediate acquaintance, & more especially to the Members of the Society.

Those ordained to lead the Society are authorised to appoint the different offices as the circumstances shall require.

If any have a matter to reveal, let it be in your own tongue, do not indulge too much in the gift of tongues, or the devil will take advantage of the innocent. You may speak in tongues for your own comfort but I lay this down for a rule that if any thing is taught by the gift of tongues, it is not to be received for doctrine.

Pres[t] Smith then offered instructions respecting the propriety of females

administering to the sick by the laying on of hands, said it was according to revelation &c, said he was never placed in similar circumstances & never had given the same instruction.

He closed his instructions by expressing his satisfaction in improving the opportunity.

The Spirit of the Lord was poured out in a very powerful manner, never to be forgotten by those present on that interesting occasion.

Copied by John Pelle$^{c}_{n}$ McEwan
Aug$^{t}_{n}$ 27$^{th}_{n}$ 1844.

Testimony of Mother Lucy Smith.

Mother Smith rose & said she was glad the time had come that iniquity could be detected & reproach thrown off from the heads of the Church. We come into the church to be saved that we may live in peace & sit down in the kingdom of heaven. If we listen to, & circulate every evil report we shall idly spend the time which should be appropriated to the reading of the Scriptures, the Book of Mormon — we must remember the words of Alma pray much at morning, noon & evening — feed the poor &c. She said she was told could not meet with the Society but few times more, & wished to leave her testimony that the book of Mormon is the book of God — that Joseph Smith is a man of God, a prophet of the Lord set apart to lead the people. If we observe his words it will be well with us; if we live righteously on earth, it

will be well with us in Eternity.

The following are the names of the persons that Phebe W. Woodruff has been Baptized for in the font in the Temple of the Lord in Nauvoo in 1842 under the hands of Wilford Woodruff

Relationship	Names of the Dead Baptized for	Dates	
Grand Father	Ezra Carter	April	21
Grand Mother	Phebe W Carter	[illegible]	29
Grand Father	Joshua Fabyan		26
Grand Mother	Sarah Fabyan	"	"
Uncle	John Fabyan		30
Aunt	Sally Fabyan		"
Uncle	George Fabyan	"	"
Uncle	Joseph Fabyan	"	"
Great Aunt	Olive Moulton	July	14
Great Aunt	Elizabeth Hagget		
Great Aunt	Mehettable Brackat		
Friend	Betsy Hagget		
Uncle	Edmund Eastman		
Aunt	Ruth Eastman		
Uncle	Moses Farnum		
Aunt	Rhoda Farnum		

The following persons were baptised for by Phebe W. Woodruff under the hands of Wilford Woodruff in A D 1844

Relationship	Name	Dates	
Cousin	Olive Libby	Aug	25
Cousin	Sarah Pierce	"	"
Cousin	Ezra Carter	"	"
Cousin	Sophia Carter		
Friend	Rachael Smith	"	"

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Ezra Carter	Cousin	Olive Libby	Aug 25
	Cousin	Sarah Pierce	" "
	Cousin	Ezra Carter	" "
	Cousin	Sophia Carter	
	Friend	Rachael Smith	" "

The following are the names of the dead that Elder Wilford Woodruff was baptized for in Nauvoo in the river in AD 1844

Geo. A. Smith.

G^nd Father	Asahel Hart	Aug^t	26th
" Mother	Hart	"	"
Uncle	Asahel Hart	"	"
"	Joseph Hart	"	"
Aunt	Sophrona Hart	"	"
Uncle	Adna Hart	"	"
Aunt	Eunice Hart	"	"
Friend	Robt. Mason	"	"
Uncle	Erastus. Hart	"	"
Cousin	Milla Woodruff	"	"
~~Cousin~~	~~Hellan Woodruff~~	"	"
"	Henry Woodruff	"	"
"	Laura Hoskins	"	"
	Marietta Hoskins	"	"
Uncle	Wakeman Standley	"	"

The following are the names of the dead that Elder Wilford Woodruff was baptized for in Nauvoo in the River in A D 1846

Geo. A. Smith.

Gnd Father	Asahel	Hart	Aug	26th
" Mother		Hart	"	"
" Uncle	Asahel	Hart	"	"
"	Joseph	Hart	"	"
Aunt	Sophrona	Hart	"	"
Uncle	Adna	Hart	"	"
Aunt	Eunice	Hart	"	"
Friend	Robt.	Mason	"	"
Uncle	Erastus.	Hart	"	"
Cousin	Milla	Woodruff	"	"
~~Cousin~~	~~Hellan~~	~~Woodruff~~	"	"
"	Henry	Woodruff	"	"
"	Laura	Hoskins	"	"
"	Marietta	Hoskins	"	"
Uncle	Wakeman	Standley	"	"

The following are the names of the Dead that Wilford Woodruff ~~& Phebe Woodruff~~ was Baptized for in the font in the house of the Lord in Nauvoo in 1842

Relationship	Persons Names Baptized for	Date	Date
H C Kimball			
Mother	Beulah Woodruff	April	21
Brother	Philo Woodruff	"	"
Brother	Asahel H Woodruff	"	"
G.A.S. Great Grand father	Josiah Woodruff	May	15
Great Grand Mother	— Woodruff	"	"
G.A.S. Grand Father	Eldad Woodruff		29
G.A.S. Grand Mother	Dinah Woodruff		"
G.A.S. Great Grand Father	Thompson	May	30
Great Grand Mother	Thompson		
Grand Father	Lot Thompson	"	"
Grand Mother	Anna Thompson	"	"
G.A.S. Uncle	Eldad Woodruff	July	14
Aunt	Lewy Woodruff	"	"
Uncle	Amasa Frisby		
Aunt	Elizabeth Frisby	"	"
Aunt	Achsa Woodruff		
Risw Aunt	Woodruff	"	"

The following persons were baptized for by W Woodruff in the river on AD 1844, in Nauvoo

G.A.S. Uncle	Cyrus Thompson	Aug	25
Aunt	Anna Thompson	"	"
Aunt	Sylva Thompson	"	"
Cousin	Hyrum Barber	"	"
Cousin	Electa Woodruff	"	"

The following are the names of the Dead that wilford Woodruff ~~& Phoebe Woodruff~~ was Baptized for in the font in the house of the Lord in Nauvoo in 1842

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Brother	Philo woodruff	"	"
Brother	Asahel H Woodruff	"	"
Great Grand father	Josiah Woodruff	May	15
Great Grand Mother	— — Woodruff	"	"
Grand Father	Eldad woodruff		29
Grand Mother	Dinah woodruff		"
Great Grand Father	Thompson	May	30
Great Grand Mother	Thompson		"
Grand Father	Lot Thompson	"	"
Grand Mother	Anna Thompson	"	"
Uncle	Eldad Woodruff	July	14
Aunt	Lewy Woodruff	"	"
Uncle	Amasa Frisby		
Aunt	Elizabeth Frisby	"	"
Aunt	Achsa Woodruff	"	"
Aunt	Woodruff		

The following persons were baptized for by W Woodruff on AD 1844, in Nauvoo in the river

Uncle	Cyrus Thompson	Aug	25
Aunt	Anna Thompson	"	"
Aunt	Sylva Thompson	"	"
Cousin	Hyrum Barber	"	"
Cousin	Electa Woodruff	"	"

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Farewell of Wesley - on Journey

Early upon the morning of August
8th, I arose from my bed of
sickness, laid my hands upon the
head of my Dark Wife, Phoebe
and blessed her. I then departed
from the embrace of my suffering
and left her almost lifeless
on the bed of sickness & death
She suffered my departure with
the fortitude that becomes a saint
She realizes the responsibility of
her engagement. I quote from
my Journal "Phoebe Fretwell
lie of good cheer, remember
me in your prayers. I leave
these parts for Africa at
once & shall, Der Gaun tue agun
in the Lord:
I go to obey the command
of Jesus Christ"